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TUC aims at pay rises below cost of living increases

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authentic voice of working people was expressing apprehension at the rate of inflation and the contribution made by high wage settlements, Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said after yesterday's momentous decision which goes back on much recent trade union thinking. "Thinking in terms of 30 per cent wage increases, escalating up, is plain daft, and will not solve the nation's problems", he added.
The TUC economic committee has been charged with the task of agreeing with the Government and if possible the CBI on a rate of price increases to which pay movements will be tied. It meets again on July 9, the day the miners debate a call for 65 per cent increases far more than the policy being drawn up will allow.
Asked if this was not a formula for cutting real wages, Mr Murray said: "The general council were perfectly clear this morning that this meant some reductions in the sense that at some stages people would be settling their wage claims on a basis lower than the rise in the cost of living since their previous settlement."
Despite conceding that some workers would not make up for all the ground lost, Mr Murray said: "We are certainly not looking for a reduction in total consumption over the next 12 months taken as a whole. We do not believe that massive cuts in pay would solve the nation's problems. On the contrary, they would lead to further unemployment."
Significantly, one of the six union leaders who voted against the more restrictive pay controls was Mr Lawrence Daly, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, through Mr Gormley, the miners' president, and the only communist on the general council, Mr Leslie Buck, of the sheet metal workers'. Mr Ray Buckton, the train drivers' leader, and Mr. Alan Sapper, of the cine technicians' union.
A rapid series of talks between the Government, TUC leaders and the CBI is now likely, and the date of next month's meeting of the TUC General Council, at which the new policy will be endorsed and recommended to the September Congress, will probably be brought forward from July 23.
That being the case, the tighter guidelines to negotiators could be in operation some time after the middle of July, which would fit in with the Prime Minister's sense of urgency. This would be a repetition of the implementation of the existing social contract guidelines *last year, two months* before the package had been approved by Congress.
That abandonment of the central principle of the current pay guidelines of the social contract, which allows for full compensation of the rise in the cost of living, was fiercely opposed by left-wing union leaders. A suggestion by Mr Jack Jones, the transport workers' leader, that all special cases, including the miners, should be dealt with by compulsory arbitration drew a rebuke from Mr Daly.
"I understand that the resolution for £100 a week for coal face workers, to be debated in two weeks' time, is almost certain to be passed. The normally moderate Midlands area has decided to swing behind the militant demand, and that assures the left of a majority."
Mr Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), opposed the principle of flat-rate increases and reminded the general council that it had been the relatively better-paid who had fought the present restrictions of the social contract.
Aslef is committed to seeking "a substantial increase at the appropriate time", and the most obvious danger facing the revamped social contract is a revival of the long-standing alliance between the footplatemen and the miners.

Industry Bill emphasis placed on cooperation

By David Wood and George Clark

Mr Wilson's main message to industry when he held an open press conference yesterday on the Government's amendments to the Industry Bill was to offer the reassurance that he, as First Lord of the Treasury as well as Prime Minister, would be in control of the legislation's swathe and that therefore all was well.
The amendments, as explained by Mr Varley, the successor to Mr Wedgwood Benn as Secretary of State for Industry, sprang no surprises. Industry and the CBI have made their point.
As Mr Wilson put it: "Our amendments write into the Bill the assurances given by the former Secretary of State that the powers (requiring disclosure) would be reserve powers, and give a clear opportunity for voluntary arrangements to be worked out before there is resort to compulsory powers."
That, Mr Wilson added, was in line with what the Government always intended: and he got Mr Eric Heffer, the Minister of State he dismissed, on the hook with a specific quotation from column 1,246 in Hansard of February 14. For that matter, before the left wing erupts, he also cited Mr Benn as an authority.
It was left to Mr Varley to proceed from the general to the particular. He announced that an amendment was being tabled last night, in addition to amendments already on the order paper, to limit the National Enterprise Board's power to take interests in newspapers. He said:
If the board acquired a company or an interest in a company where newspapers were an interest it would be required to dispose of that interest "so far as practicable and as soon as possible"—unless the Secretary of State authorized the company to retain the holding.
Secondly, in law the position of the NEB would be that it was not a company, so an amendment was necessary to provide that it should conform to section 209 of the Companies Act, 1948.
Thirdly, on disclosures there were some difficulties and "people have misunderstood". The government amendment was to make sure that the powers formed the basis for voluntary disclosure in line with what Mr Heffer said on the committee stage, "with back-up from compulsory powers if necessary".
If the Government required information from any company it would have to give parliamentary notice. If a company said it was not anxious to give the information, the Government could require an order to be laid before Parliament demanding that information. Each step was voluntary, and either House could reject the order.
Mr Varley said the disclosure powers applied where a company or group of companies made a significant contribution to the country's economy and it seemed to the responsible minister desirable that the company should provide the Government and the representatives of trade unions with information.
Where the company could get voluntary arrangements with its work force it would go through without any more ministerial interference, although the information would be passed on to the Government.
Without voluntary agreement there would be a parliamentary order, after which the Government would specify to the company the sort of information required.

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The sister of Eliahu Hakim, one of Lord Moyne's murderers, kneels by the side of his coffin in the Sinai desert. The bodies of both men hanged in Cairo in 1945 for the murder were handed to Israel by the Egyptians yesterday.

Israel honours British minister's assassins

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, June 25

Children in Israel schools will stand tomorrow in tribute to Eliahu Hakim and Eliahu Bet-Zuri while their teachers read a pamphlet explaining why the men assassinated Lord Moyne, the British Resident Minister in the Middle East, in November, 1944. The pamphlet has been prepared specially by the Ministry of Education.
The remains of the two members of the Stern gang, who were hanged in Cairo in 1945 for the murder, were handed over by the Egyptian authorities in the United Nations buffer zone today. Egyptian troops unloaded the coffins from a Red Crescent vehicle and handed them to Israel soldiers who draped them in national flags. Brigadier Mordechai Piron, the chief Army chaplain, led singing and psalms. According to Israel radio, the United Nations provided a guard of honour.
The exchange was delayed for more than two hours by the Egyptians' late arrival. In the Israel convoy was a vehicle carrying 20 prisoners from Sinai and the Gaza strip, who were handed over in exchange for the bodies.
Relatives of the two men attended the ceremony near Qantara. They included a brother of Mr Bet-Zuri, whose journey from the United States had been arranged by the Defence Ministry.
For five hours tomorrow the coffins will lie in the Jerusalem Hall of Heroism, which commemorates the exploits of Jewish terrorist groups against the British during and after the Second World War. According to press reports, Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, and other Cabinet members will file past to pay their respects.
In the afternoon the bodies will be reburied in a section of the military cemetery on Mount Herzl reserved for heroes and martyrs. Government and Army leaders, as well as members of the former terrorist organizations, are expected to attend. The Freedom Fighters for Israel, successors to the Stern gang, which

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Prince calls in Lords for challenge to youth

By Our Parliamentary Staff

A call for the re-creation of some of the challenges of war to help young people to discover themselves through adventure and hardship was made by the Prince of Wales in the House of Lords yesterday.
The Prince, speaking for the first time in the Lords since his maiden speech a year ago, spent 14 minutes addressing a crowded Chamber during a debate on voluntary service in the community.
The lack of outlet for the excess energy of the young, he said, often led to violence and anti-social behaviour. He was young enough to remember that most young people had an excess of energy and needed adventure, excitement and a challenge.
Many more young people should be given the opportunity to find excitement and adventure through voluntary service and by organizing themselves with the necessary help.
He outlined an idea he said he had been pursuing in an attempt in a small way to help the more alienated sections of young people.
He had often felt that, given the right incentives, materials and equipment, many more young people could become involved in helpful work for the community. He continued:
I have decided to establish experimental schemes with the aid of a committee in areas with which I have a titular connexion, and so far the response in each part of the country has been extraordinarily encouraging. It is obvious that many young people, including those categories often described as the most difficult, are only too keen to become involved in useful or imaginative schemes but they lack the funds or the necessary equipment.
During the first and second world wars many young men had been caught up in the excitement and adventure and the chance to serve their own country. He had heard arguments in favour of national service, saying that it gave young people a taste of discipline and a taste of adventure.
There was no justification for reintroducing national service but "we should be thinking of re-creating some of the challenges of war in a peacetime situation so that adolescents in particular can discover themselves and their individual capabilities through the challenge of adventure and hardship."
The Prince spoke of a young persons' organization that operated inshore rescue work in the Solent. He hoped many more schools near the coast could supplement statutory services by operating rescue boats and such things themselves after proper training.
It should be remembered that voluntary service was as beneficial to the volunteer as it was to the recipient. "It is, quite simply, good for the soul".
The Government, in a sense, had a duty to ensure that as many people as possible were able to offer themselves for voluntary service, particularly by making helpful concessions, financial or otherwise.
The Prince chose to make his second speech in the Lords on a debate initiated by Lord Windlesham, the former Conservative Lord Privy Seal.

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Yorkshire stranglehold on miners' MPs

From Ronald Kershaw
Northern Industrial Correspondent, Barnsley

The Yorkshire area council of the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday imposed rigid restrictions on union-sponsored MPs, under the threat of withdrawal of sponsorship.
It also censured miners' MPs who campaigned against the union's policy of withdrawal from the EEC. It set down guidelines to which miners' MPs must adhere in future.
Mr Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire area president, said after the meeting that a resolution, passed with less than a handful of members against, said:
It was agreed that we can no longer tolerate a position where a sponsored MP can oppose his union's policy on a major issue. Therefore it is agreed that the following guidelines shall apply to Yorkshire miners' MPs sponsored by the Yorkshire area:
1. No miners' MP shall vote or speak against union policy on any issue which affects the coalmining industry.
2. No miners' MP shall actively campaign or work against the union policy on any other major issue.
3. If any miners' MP refuses to agree to these guidelines or violates these guidelines the area council shall withdraw sponsorship from that MP.

The resolution goes on:
We wish to make it clear that the Yorkshire area will no longer tolerate a situation where a miners' MP accepts the privilege of sponsorship and then demands the luxury of independence from union policy.
The new guidelines will clearly place the Yorkshire mining MPs and particularly Mr Mason, who is a Cabinet minister, in an impossible position. The Government, for instance, is committed to the social contract, which the Yorkshire area roundly condemned, demanding its abolition, at its annual demonstration last Saturday.
Although no names were given in the resolution of the six miners' MPs only one, Mr Richard Kelly, of Don Valley, came out publicly against retention of EEC membership.

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Zaire gunboat gets in way of kidnap rescue attempt

Dar es Salaam, June 25.—An attempt to free the three students kidnapped 35 days ago from the wildlife research centre in Tanzania has failed because of the intervention of a Zaire Government gunboat, witnesses of the incident said today.
The attempt to reach the students, being held on the Zaire side of Lake Tanganyika by members of the Zaire Popular Revolution Party, was made yesterday in a small motor boat by a party of American diplomats and representatives of the students' families. It is understood that they were carrying ransom money.
The boat left Kigoma, on the Tanzanian shore, and headed for a spot on the opposite side of the lake marked by the students—two Americans and a Dutch girl—with signals flashed by mirror. But as it approached the shore, a Zaire gunboat fired ahead of it, forcing it to turn back.—Reuter.

Callaghan victory on beef levy

From Michael Hornsby
Luxembourg, June 25

After an impassioned personal intervention by Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, the foreign ministers of the EEC voted late last night to reduce by 90 per cent the levies exacted on exports of beef to Britain from Botswana and three other African countries.
Only France, always a jealous guardian of the common agricultural policy's hallowed levy system, opposed the reduction, which was thus carried by a majority vote. This is a rare event in the deliberations of the foreign ministers' council, where unanimity is normally required.
Mr Callaghan told his colleagues that Botswana was a "miserable, poor country", that the EEC countries should be "big enough, wise enough and generous enough to help". He pointed out that while Botswana's beef exports were the mainstay of its economy, they accounted for no more than 0.2 per cent of EEC consumption.
British sources portrayed the beef levy decision as a considerable personal success for the Foreign Secretary. Some other delegations, however, saw his intervention rather more cynically as a well-staged boost to Britain's image as a friend of the developing world.
"Mr Callaghan made a moving speech, but he was pushing against an open door", one diplomat commented.
It is worth noting, however, that the 90 per cent reduction is considerably larger than had been expected or the European Commission had proposed.
The beef issue came up as part of a general discussion of measures necessary for the implementation by July 1 of the customs regulations deriving from the Lomé Convention.

ft warns Government of clash

hael Hatfield
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Government was of being on a direct o course with its sup by the left-wing *Trib*oup yesterday. It issued nomic statement which *that Tribune* MPs would ger be prepared to sup he Government if it t in short-term capitalist es, such as large-scale loyment and cuts in livndards, including savage expenditure cuts, to ne the economic crisis.
group produced its own me for overcoming the including greater interist powers and a sugges- at leading financial ins should be publicly
e the Government will e demands unacceptable, the statement demonstrates the pressures building up from the left.
The statement calls for new planning machinery, and states that cuts in the level of wages would be acceptable only if achieved by genuine consent and would have to be accompanied by reflation, a postponement of cuts in public sector borrowing requirements and protection to avoid further widespread unemployment.
It says a temporary price freeze in certain essential commodities should be considered, and that planning agreements with some of the larger companies should include steps to freeze or reduce prices, as is done in France.
There should be temporary penal taxation on all incomes over £10,000 a year and that excessive golden handshakes should be banned. A radical wealth tax should be introduced.
Public expenditure cuts in Labour's social policies, including housing and education or in nationalized industry investment programmes, were unacceptable, it states. It advocates that £2,000m could be cut from government deficit cuts in defence (£500m), the road programme (£500m) and through changes in corporation tax.
The *Tribune* group appears, curiously, to be walking along the same road as Mr Peter Walker, the former Conservative minister, in their suggestion that the Government should encourage worried Arab investors to lend money against real assets by mortgaging a small part of our oil through oil bonds.

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Hailsham of St Marylebone, a Lord Chancellor, gives a warnday about "the encroachment on ndependence of the judiciary ir in some recent actions by some rs of Parliament and some press nt". Discussing rape sentences, Hailsham says in a letter to *The* that political pressures in the of "savage denunciation of lual judges" introduce an ely harmful element into il administration Letters, page 17

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New Wilson call to President Amin

Uganda radio last night broadcast a new message from Mr Wilson to President Amin repeating that Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, was ready to visit Uganda once the life of Mr Dennis Hills, the condemned British lecturer, has been spared. Britain wanted relations with Uganda to be on a new and better foundation Page 6

FAO chief's warning

Dr Boerma, the director-general of FAO, told delegates to the World Food Council in Rome yesterday that their aim of eradicating world hunger in 10 years could not be achieved. He urged greater economic and social development in the poor countries. Page 6

Boeing crash theory

A thunderstorm may have been the cause of Tuesday's air crash at Kennedy airport in which 110 people were killed. One theory was that sudden air currents threw the Boeing 727 out of control; another was that it was struck by lightning Page 6

Children tidy up

Children at 36 schools in Britain have been spending two hours a week studying litter. They have been taking part in a research programme, sponsored by the Keep Britain Tidy Group and conducted by Brighton Polytechnic, into ways of teaching children to campaign against litter. The group plans to extend the course to older children Page 5

Fears of art loss

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Government amendments downgrade role of advisers on company information

By David Wood and George Clark

The amendment sheet for next week's three-day report stage on the Industry Bill yesterday contained 83 government amendments, most of them of a minor nature; a new clause on the arbitration of disputes relating to vesting and compensation orders; and a long schedule setting out the procedure to be followed by the arbitration tribunal.

Changes in the clauses on disclosure place on the Secretary of State for Industry, subject to certain safeguards, the responsibility for deciding what information obtained under the compulsory powers should be disclosed to the unions.

That, the Government says, will avoid the need for repeated references to the independent committee which is to advise the minister on points that have been settled in analogous cases many times, and for appeals to the committee on points about which the Government requires information for its own purpose, but which are of little interest to workers.

The independent committee's role will now be to advise the minister in the discharge of his responsibilities rather than as a body of final decision. If the minister decides to require information to be disclosed contrary to the advice of the committee, his order will be subject to negative resolution of either house of Parliament.

An amendment published yesterday also provides that the Government must lay a statement before Parliament if the minister decides to use the compulsory information powers and that three months must elapse before the powers are invoked.

In view of the changed role of the committee it will not be known as the central arbitration committee as was previously proposed.

Mr Wilson at his press conference yesterday said that the batch of amendments published yesterday, plus those promised on newspapers, were all that the Government proposed. The only changes likely to be tabled in the Lords would be those which the Government might promise to meet arguments put during the report stage debate.

The Government, knowing that some Labour backbenchers are suspicious about the total effect of the changes, said that they "do not affect the substance of the Bill as it was presented to Parliament, but they will, through providing explicitly for an opportunity to negotiate voluntary arrangements, and through the provision of less cumbersome administrative arrangements, provide for a more effective achievement of the Government's policy objectives."

On the extension of public ownership, he said the Government received a mandate in two elections last year. It was not confined to the proposals in the Industry Bill, but could also be seen in the measures to nationalize the shipbuilding and aircraft industries, and in substantial provisions in the Petroleum Bill in relation to North Sea oil.

The Prime Minister's open press conference in a way set a precedent, as Mr Wilson noted. It took place at the Treasury in a first-floor hall with unsatisfactory acoustics, with tape recorders making an official record, and followed last week's announcement that he had severed No 10's historic relations with the parliamentary lobby.

Mr Wilson began, with the statement that "this occasion is on the record from beginning to end". At the end of an hour he faced a question from a television reporter: It was all complex and confusing.; would the Prime Minister simplify the task of television men who had little time to tell their tale by giving three snappy essential points of his message?

Another television man asked why, if all was on the record, the cameras and radio microphones could not be present.

Mr Wilson thereupon showed his sensitiveness about the writing side of journalism: newspaper reporters did not like asking questions to produce answers that would be published long before their papers reached the breakfast tables.

Mr John Egan, chairman of the Westminster Lobby, also had a question. Recognizing what he called "an unusual occasion", he wondered about the propriety of the Government's organizing a conference to supply the answers to questions that would be asked in the Commons next week.

At that, Mr Wilson offered his defence. He said he thought an open conference would have been very much welcomed by the press, because miles of newsprint had been devoted to discussion of the issues.

Remembering specialist writers for the newspapers were involved (lobby men he saw as parliamentary specialists) he thought it right to open the conference and set out clearly what had happened.

"I thought it right", he added, "and I shall do this at successive conferences, to leave to the editors who shall represent them, whether political and industrial writers, or whoever they might be".

New approach: Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, in a broadcast last night, said that British industry, relative to its competitors, had been running down ever since the war.

Thus the Government had worked out a new approach: If industry is not investing enough, we must find new ways of getting it to invest and provide the jobs we need . . . new ways that make plain that industry has a responsibility to all of us, not just to a few directors who make decisions to suit themselves.

That, he said, was why the Government had decided to set up the National Enterprise Board.

Mr Heseltine, Conservative frontbench spokesman on industry, said last night: The disclosure powers are still compulsory, and not voluntary. They give trade unionists legal rights denied to any other employee. In the last resort the minister is judge in his own court of appeal with a jury he not only appoints but can simply ignore.

The battle against the Bill would go on. The Conservatives would repeal it for the doctrinaire measure it was.

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The Blackpool big dipper in flames yesterday after fire started in the motor room. Mr Bruno Kisiel, the brakeman, saved 20 people from injury by stopping the roller-coaster before a burning tunnel.

Another 10 republican detainees released

From Christopher Walker, Belfast

The Government yesterday moved another step towards its intended goal of ending detention without trial in Northern Ireland when Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, released 10 more Provisional IRA suspects from the Maze prison.

A total of 275 men now remain under detention or interim custody orders, the lowest number since September, 1972. Unless there is a sudden change in the situation, it is expected in government circles that all will have been released by Christmas.

Despite opposition from "loyalist" politicians, Mr Rees and his close advisers remain adamant that the ending of detention is the key point to bringing about a new situation in Northern Ireland. He has ordered the release of 276 detainees since the original ceasefire was declared by the Provisional IRA on December 22.

The latest batch of releases comes at a time when leaders of Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional IRA, have launched a new series of protest marches and street meetings aimed at bringing about an immediate ending of detention.

Shortly after yesterday's announcement from Stormont Castle, a Loyalist coalition member, Mr Clifford Smyth, claimed in the Convention to have private information that the Provisional IRA was rearming and had established an underground radio network in Belfast.

The allegations were made during a debate about the controversial secret talks between senior civil servants and members of Provisional Sinn Fein.

Mr Smyth, a member of the Democratic Unionist Party, maintained that the new arms were being brought in from Eastern Europe.

Ill-treatment allegations: British soldiers accused of ill-treating three men in a military barracks nearly four years ago gave evidence yesterday before three judges from the European Commission of Human Rights (a Staff Reporter writes).

The hearings, believed to have been held at Aldershot were *in camera* and not even the applicants, one of whom is being held without trial at the Maze prison, Long Kesh, were told the location.

The judges, Professor Torkel Opsahl, from Norway, Professor Karl-Aage Norgaard, from Denmark, and Professor Jochen Frowein, from West Germany, spent Monday and Tuesday at Long Kesh questioning Mr Gerard Bradley, who is an internee, Mr Gerard Duffy, who is serving a three-year sentence for attempting to escape from internment, and another republican being held without trial.

They and five other men have filed complaints of ill-treatment under article three of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Although no formal statements have been made by the British authorities, the judges are believed to have been listening to accounts of the interrogation of Mr Bradley and Mr Duffy by soldiers and policemen at the Broadway army post in Belfast in 1971.

Editorial changes announced for Murdoch papers

Mr Bernard Shrimsley, editor of *The Sun*, becomes editor of the *News of the World* in editorial changes announced last night by Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International.

Mr Larry Lamb, former editor of *The Sun*, will resume the editorship. He will retain his present position of editorial director. Mr Peter Stephens, editor of the *News of the World*, becomes associate editor of *The Sun*.

Mr Murdoch said: "The changes are simply intended to deploy our top editorial team to the best possible advantage."

Retiring at 130

The Cork lightship, stationed five miles off the Essex coast for the past 130 years, goes into official retirement today.

Amount of MPs' pay rise may be known tomorrow

By Our Political Staff

The report of Lord Boyle of Handsworth's committee on MPs salaries is expected to be discussed at today's Cabinet meeting, and MPs may know the size of their pay increase, said to be about £2,000, tomorrow or early next week.

Lord Boyle, chairman of the Top Salaries Review Body, submitted the report to the Prime Minister on June 13, but Mr Wilson is believed to be a little reluctant to disclose its contents because of the blow that a large increase might deliver to the Government's attempts to control inflation.

Unions who are being asked to moderate wage demands would not, MPs agree, take kindly to the increase, however hard MPs tried to convince the public that they too were victims of inflation.

MPs are paid £4,500 but can claim several allowances, including the cost of secretarial assistance up to an annual limit of £1,750. However, the Select Committee on Assistance to Private Members recommended in May that public funds should enable MPs to employ at least one full-time secretary, and allowances for other secretarial or research assistance should be additional.

Mr Arthur Lewis, Labour MP for Newham, North-west, was told by Mr Wilson in a Commons written answer yesterday that the report would be published simultaneously with an announcement by the Government as soon as it had finished considering it in detail. Mr Lewis pointed out that MPs were the only public servants who had not received a salary increase since January, 1972.

Escape doors altered after airport crash

Escape doors on more than two hundred British-made jet airliners have been altered after a runway crash, it was disclosed yesterday.

Two doors jammed as fuel poured from a broken tank on a Court Line BAC 1-11 carrying 91 passengers and crew. The pilot had to force them open.

A Department of Trade report into the crash in April last year, in which a light aircraft pilot was killed at Luton airport, says the British Aircraft Corporation gave inadequate guidance to airlines. "The difficulty in operating the escape slides could have resulted in risk to life had there been a fire."

Inadequate guidance is blamed in the report for escape slides being wrongly stowed

Labour urges government cash aid for parties

By Our Political Staff

The Labour Party, faced with severe financial difficulties, is to submit evidence to Lord Houghton of Sowerby's committee supporting the need for government aid to political parties. (Conservative backbenchers are preparing the case opposing the plan.)

That was stated yesterday by Mr Hayward, the party's general secretary, after the meeting of the national executive committee. Although the matter was not raised in the meeting, Mr Hayward said he believed, after conversations, that national executive members were unanimously in favour of it.

He submitted a report to the executive in which he estimated that by 1977 the party's deficit will have risen to £719,000.

He said there was a small minority in all parties who were the activists and who were constantly putting their hands in their pockets to help the parties and to see the democratic way of life continue. "It is quite improper that they should have to carry the can for democracy and the majority to take it for granted", he said.

If the British people wanted to preserve freedoms, he said, it was common sense that a small amount of cash should be made available by the Government so that the democratic fabric could be preserved.

A proposal in his report that the number of working groups should be reduced as part of a financial pruning exercise was rejected by the executive.

Price control 'needs no tightening'

By Our Political Staff

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the Shadow Chancellor, urged the Government yesterday to set aside any suggestions for the tightening of price controls. But he welcomed the conversion of Mr Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the doctrine that strict cash limits had to be imposed on the spending of every government department, local as well as central, and of every nationalized board.

Sir Geoffrey was speaking in London in the framework of the clearest hints from ministers and Whitehall that the Government will bring in sanctions to prevent public and private employers from awarding inflationary wage settlements. One Treasury proposal is for a tightening of the price code to prevent excessive wage awards being passed on in prices.

Tighter price control of that kind, Sir Geoffrey said, "would set us back on a road to larger deficits in the nationalized industries, and so to higher taxes".

Mr Hain attacks PR system

By Our Political Correspondent

The Liberal Party's policy for electoral reform is roundly condemned by Mr Peter Hain, the party's publicity officer, in an editorial article today in the Young Liberals' journal, *Liberator*.

He says that proportional representation would be a brake on radical change. In multi-member constituencies, as advocated by the Liberal Party, was not compatible with community politics.

"For a community to feel that it is being represented it is necessary to have a reasonably small constituency".

"Large, multi-member constituencies would make this impossible; they will tend to encourage party-political representatives rather than community representatives and strengthen the political machines at the expense of alternative forms of community based politics."

The Tories and business circles supported the proposal only because they calculated that it would be the best way to achieve a centre-to-right government in Britain.

Privilege issue after miners' warning to MPs

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The other five are Mr Mason (Barnsley), Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Edwin Wainwright (Dearne Valley), Mr Alfred Roberts (Normanton), Mr Harper (Pontefract), and Mr Woodall (Harmsworth).

Mr Scargill said the union claimed the right to tell a sponsored MP how to act and vote on important issues affecting the union.

One "concession" made to the miners' MPs is the guarantee that the EEC issue is closed and there will be no retrospective action.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Experienced Labour MPs who have often resisted similar pressures said last night that if the area council's proposed action was carried out it would raise a serious question of parliamentary privilege. They recalled the case of Mr William Howie, a member of the Draughtsmen's and Allied Technicians' Association, when he was Labour MP for Luton in 1968.

He resigned from his union and warned its officials that they risked a breach of parliamentary privilege by coercing or bullying sponsored MPs to oppose the Government's prices and incomes policy. The matter was not referred to the Committee of Privileges.

The liability of unions that attempt to put pressure on their sponsored MPs is clearly set out in a resolution of the House, passed on July 15, 1947, which still provides the guidelines. It states:

It is inconsistent with the dignity of the House, with the duty of a member to his constituents, and with the maintenance of the privilege of freedom of speech, for any member of this House to enter into any contractual agreement with an outside body controlling or limiting the member's complete independence and freedom of action in Parliament, or stipulating that he shall act in any way as a representative of such outside body in regard to any matters being transacted in Parliament. The duty of the member is to his constituents and the country as a whole, rather than to any particular section thereof.

Our Political Staff writes: The Social Democratic Alliance, formed to rally Labour moderates against the left wing, yesterday described the area council's action as impertinent.

Mr Scargill's statement, it said, "illustrates the intolerance of the ultra-left elements in the party and trade unions for those moderate MPs who represent the majority of Labour voters." It added:

Following upon the Newham, North-east, constituency party executive's recommendation to ask Mr Prentice [Minister for Overseas Development] to resign at the next election, this matter is now so serious that the Labour Party's National Executive Committee must immediately put a halt to these manifestations of extremism.

PC accused of attempt at burglary

A Metropolitan Police officer accused of attempted burglary was remanded on bail of £1,100 yesterday at Stratford Magistrates' Court, London.

Police Constable Peter Cornforth, aged 28, of Straight Road, Romford, Essex, who is stationed at Ilford, is charged with entering a garage at Eastern Avenue, Ilford, on June 24 with intent to steal. He was remanded until August 4.

Soya in school meals

Children in Derbyshire will eat soya protein in up to 10 per cent of their school meals after an experiment in which it was used as a meat substitute in 12 schools.

Disclosure of MPs' interests

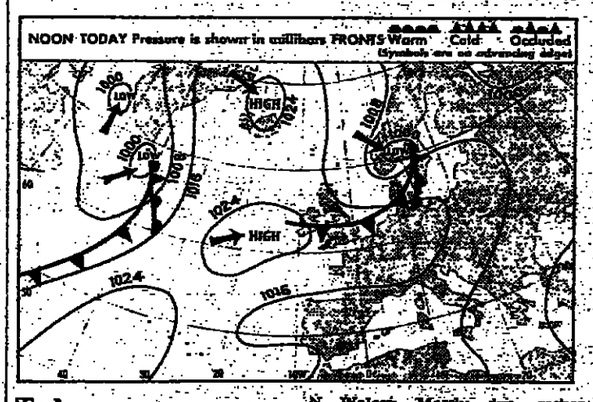
Forms on which MPs should enter their financial interests are being sent out over the next few days, and it is hoped that a register will be published in the autumn (our Political Staff writes). The form consists of nine broadly defined classes of pecuniary interest or other benefit and MPs have a month to fill it in.

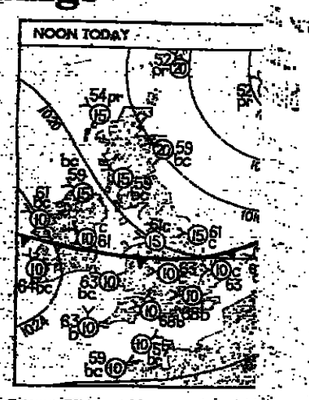
Ideas on liability law changes

The Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission have published a joint working paper setting out alternative proposals for changing the law on liability for defective products.

It makes no recommendations, but asks for comments on the alternatives listed. *Working Paper No* (Stationery Office, £2.)

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 4.44 am Sun sets: 9.22 pm

Moon sets: 7.50 am Moon rises: 10.40 pm

Last Quarter: July 1.

Lighting up: 9.52 pm to 4.15 am.

High water: London Bridge, 4.21 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 4.33 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft). Avonmouth, 9.50 am, 12.4m (40.7ft); 10.8 pm, 12.6m (41.3ft). Dover, 1.20 am, 6.3m (20.6ft); 1.37 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Hull, 8.33 am, 7.0m (22.9ft); 9.8 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft). Liverpool, 1.30 am, 9.1m (29.8ft); 1.55 pm, 8.6m (28.2ft).

A ridge of high pressure will cover S Britain and a weak trough of low pressure will move S across central districts.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, SW, Central S England, East Anglia, Midlands, S Wales: Dry, sunny periods; wind light variable; max temp 22 to 23° (72 to 73°F).

NW, E, NE, Central N England, N Wales: Mostly dry, rather cloudy but bright intervals; wind W, light or moderate; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Channel Islands: Dry, sunny periods; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 19°C (66°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, mostly dry; wind W to NW, light or moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry and warm or very warm with sunny spells but E coastal areas will be cloudy at times and rather cool.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover and English Channel (E): Wind variable, light or moderate; sea slight.

St George's Channel: Wind W to NW, light or moderate; sea slight.

Irish Sea: Wind W to NW, moderate; sea slight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 21°C (70°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 11°C (52°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 59 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 11.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1023.4 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, June 25

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	
E COAST				
Scarboro	13.0	—	21	70 Sunny
Bridlington	14.5	—	16	61 Sunny
Cleethorpes	14.0	—	15	59 Cloudy
Clacton	9.8	—	16	61 Sunny
Margate	9.3	—	16	59 Sun p
S COAST				
Hastings	13.0	—	19	66 Sunny
Eastbourne	13.5	—	17	63 Sunny
Brighton	15.0	—	21	70 Sunny
Worthing	14.2	—	18	64 Sunny
Hayling I.	13.6	—	19	66 Sunny
Southsea	14.1	—	19	66 Sunny
Bandown	14.0	—	19	66 Sunny
Bournemouth	13.5	—	19	66 Sunny
Swanage	9.4	—	20	68 Sun p
Torquay	9.4	—	20	68 Sun p
Falmouth	10.2	—	22	72 Sun p
W COAST				
Morecambe	11.2	—	22	72 Sunny
Blackpool	11.2	—	21	70 Sun p
Ilfracombe	10.0	—	20	68 Sunny
Newquay	13.4	—	22	72 Sunny

Pollen count: The pollen count in London yesterday was 116, high.

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Fr 12; Denmark, Dkr 5.50; Finland, Fmk 1; France, Fr 2.00; Germany, Dm 2; Greece, Dr 20; Holland, Dfl 2; Italy, Lire 400; Luxembourg, Fr 30; Malta, 5c; Nor Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 15.50; Spain, Pes 100; Sweden, Skr 5.50; Switzerland, Fr 2.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	s	29	90	Cologne	s	23	73	Lisbon	s	21	70	New York	c	25	77
Amsterdam	c	16	61	Copenhagen	s	20	68	Locarno	s	26	79	Nice	s	23	73
Athens	s	29	84	Corfu	s	29	84	Lugano	s	26	79	Nicosia	s	32	90
Barcelona	s	25	77	Dublin	s	19	66	Lyons	s	26	79	Oslo	c	20	68
Beirut	f	30	86	Edinburgh	s	15	59	Madrid	s	32	90	Paris	c	17	63
Belfast	s	20	68	Florence	s	27	81	Majorca	s	28	82	Perth	s	15	59
Berlin	s	21	70	Geneva	s	24	75	Malta	s	29	84	Reykjavik	r	10	50
Bermuda	s	25	77	Gibraltar	s	23	73	Milan	s	27	81	Rome	s	29	84
Biarritz	s	23	73	Guernsey	s	20	68	Montpellier	s	26	79	Stockholm	s	19	66
Birmingham	s	19	66	Helsinki	s	20	68	Moscow	s	21	70	Strasbourg	s	23	73
Bristol	s	21	70	Innsbruck	s	24	75	Munich	s	24	75	Tangier	s	23	73
Brussels	s	19	66	Istanbul	s	29	84	Naples	s	29	84	Tenerife	s	28	82
Budapest	s	22	72	Jersey	s	18	64	Nice	s	25	77	Tunis	s	32	90
Cardiff	s	21	70	L. Palmas	s	25	77	Nicosia	s	32	90	Venice	s	27	81

HOME NEWS

Wealth-tax fears for British heritage of art and culture

Our Arts Reporter

wealth tax that does not ude works of art and ob- of cultural and historic est would entail dispersal eas, never to return, of of such works of all kinds eriods, Heritage in Danger today.

its submission to the t Committee on the Wealth the organization, whose sentatives, including Lord sloe, chairman, and Lord man, gave oral evidence nday, urges the total exclu- from the tax of works of ibraries and household be- ngs.

e effect of the tax on s of art would inevitably serious implications for uture of collecting and of atronage of living artists, ls.

What is beyond doubt is the application of an l tax on the capital value rks of art must lead to an increasing acceleration of of our artistic heritage . . . since our public museums ot possess the financial re- es for the acquisition, rvation and display of more than a small fraction of the works thus sold, the inevitable consequence would be that the vast majority would leave these shores."

Heritage in Danger rejects a suggestion that total exemption would lead to a widespread transfer of capital from property and investments generally into works of art. It says there is no evidence that that has occurred in any country where exemption exists.

As to historic houses, containing treasures accumulated by successive generations, the effect of the tax could only be dispersal of their contents over the years, with owners no longer able to live in them, so that in time they would become empty shells and ultimately derelict.

The proposal for self-assessment by owners is described as "totally unrealistic, indefensible in principle and administratively impracticable". It constituted a burden no citizen should be required to tolerate, and it would be impossible to check inventories and valuations in such a way as to differentiate between honesty and dishonesty.

Jail terms needed 'to stem tide of dishonesty'

Prison penalties were needed to stem the creeping tide of dishonesty, Judge Christmas Humphreys, QC, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. He was sentencing Frederick Lewis, a baker's roundsman, to 18 months' jail after hearing that he had short-delivered a cash-and-carry store, altered invoices, and sold off surplus cake deliveries.

Judge Humphreys, who was at the centre of controversy after he had given a suspended jail sentence to a self-confessed double rapist last week, said: Unless occasionally a man in your position is punished for the gross dishonesty of obtaining large sums in a fairly short time nothing will be done to stem this creeping tide of dishonesty which is now growing in our community in this type of employment and many others.

Mr Lewis, aged 29, of Seymour Road, Slough, was sentenced to 18 months on a charge of plotting to defraud a Raynes Park cash-and-carry store and given nine months' concurrent prison terms on each of 10 offences of falsifying accounts in 1973. He admitted the offences.

Ten alternative charges of theft, which Mr Lewis denied, were allowed to remain on the file, not to be proceeded with without leave of the court.

Judge Humphreys told Mr Lewis that the prison sentence was lenient in view of the sums and length of time involved.

Reith lecturers: The BBC announced yesterday the Reith lecturers for the next three years (a Staff Reporter writes). The decision to invite speakers so far in advance, described as unprecedented, was made to provide ample time for research and preparation. The 1975 lectures, beginning in November, will be given by Professor Daniel J. Boorstin (left), the American historian, whose six half-hour broadcasts will be entitled "America and the World Experience".

Next year's series will be given by the youngest Reith lecturer ever chosen. He is Dr Colin Blakemore, aged 31 (centre), Director of Medical Studies at Downing College, Cambridge. He will speak about the mechanics of the mind.

The 1977 lectures will be by Lord Boyle of Handsworth, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University (right). Lord Boyle, Conservative MP for the Handsworth division of Birmingham for 20 years and a former Cabinet minister, will reflect on the issues arising from the development of British political institutions.

Business must aid society, Mr Carr says

By a Staff Reporter

The long-term success of business will depend on its willingness to involve itself in helping society, Mr Robert Carr, former Home Secretary, told a conference organized by the Action Resource Centre in London yesterday.

Involvement by business in the community should no longer be regarded as "a peripheral charitable activity, which is nice to do if we have the time and money, but as something that is in the mainstream of business life", he said. Deprived communities needed people with business skills and experience, as much as money, and that was what the resource centre could provide, he said.

The centre encourages part-time secondment of business employees to help voluntary organizations and other bodies, and has its own community projects. It is supported by more than a hundred companies and has arranged more than a hundred secondments in many parts of England. One project being set up is a supported transitional employment programme for people under probation supervision or in after-care. An Esso marketing manager has been seconded at the company's expense to give guidance to Bulldog Project, as it is to be called.

Recruitment of the first Bulldog employees is about to start.

No increase for medal winners

Members of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association have been told by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, that they cannot have an increase to the £100 annuity paid to them.

An association member said that many holders of the awards were on the breadline, to judge from the number of advertisements for the sale of their medals.

Gypsies in Britain 'treated as non-people'

Britain is treating her gypsy population as "non-people" Mr Jeremy Sandford, who wrote the play *Cathy Come Home*, said in London yesterday.

He was approached by gypsies to state their case, he said. With him were Prince Petulengro Lee, his wife, Princess Lilien, and Mr Johnny ("Pope") Connors, a gypsy author.

Mr Sandford said: "There are more than 20,000 gypsies in Britain, probably more than 4,500 families. This means that *no provision has been made* for nearly 3,000 gypsy families".

Local authorities were flouting the law, he said. Figures from the Department of Environment showed there were only 125 (gypsy) sites with pitches for 1,850 families or caravans and provision of sites became mandatory five years ago. Non-gypsies were moving on to them and local authorities were encouraging that.

There were another two thousand gypsies in Scotland and a thousand in Northern Ireland, he said.

Mr Connors said at the press conference, held to launch a new edition of Mr Sandford's book *Gypsies*: "There should be a gypsy MP and a radio programme for gypsies. In Bulgaria and Romania they have representatives".

op industrialists to take rt in arts sponsorship

r Arts Reporter

tain's top industrialists, ling heads of nationalized tries, have agreed to take in an organization to rage sponsorship of the by commercial undertak- An announcement about omposition is expected y.

initiative came from Mr Jenkins, the minister nsible for the arts, who or some time been con- about the increasing of support for the arts g from central govern- via the Arts Council. wants to see far more participation by industry ther concerns—banks, for le—some of whom have now been noted more for support of widely publi- national events.

town corporations, such elford, have started to e active in the arts field, raging donations of any- from a few pounds to a hundreds. If the new e bears fruit, Mr Jenkins sees no reason why, for instance, a thousand firms should not give £1,000 each, not necessarily for individual projects but for arts support generally.

He also sees no reason why they should not be given credit for their support; a list of sponsoring organizations for public scrutiny is envisaged.

The body Mr Jenkins has in mind would work closely with the Arts Council. He is especially anxious that there should be more support from non-governmental sources.

Whether the scheme will lead to symphony orchestras performing on the factory floor, something that last happened during the war, or art exhibitions in canteens, is not certain. Mr Jenkins does not see why not; but for the immediate future the idea is to encourage the development of activities orientated locally.

He has had several meetings with the Confederation of British Industry. The TUC has set up a working party to examine sponsorship.

crease in ortions m abroad

number of abortions in nd and Wales continued l last month, figures from Office of Population ises and Surveys show

total notified during at 9,993 was 12 per cent than in May, 1974 5), continuing a trend last year, when abortion ed for the first time the 1968 Act. The fall, ver, reflected a 41 per reduction in the number ortions to non-residents, 3,702 to 2,195. Abortions sidents rose slightly from to 7,798.

large increase was ded in Yorkshire, from to 405. The only other to show a rise were East a (from 158 to 214) and eyside (from 417 to 499).

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tectives searching for Lord n were told yesterday that as seen in Cherbourg the after Mrs Sandra Rivett, maid to his three child- was found battered to seven months ago at his er home in Lower Bel- Street, London.

Chief Supt Roy Ranson, is in charge of the investi- n, took statements from al people in the French who claim they recog- Lord Lucan after a ler warrant was issued for rrest.

r Ranson, and Det Chief David Gerring, his deputy, flew to France on Tues- expect to travel to ium today to interview r people who claim to have the missing earl.

n inquest jury at West- ster Coroner's Court last k returned a verdict that Lucan murdered Mrs tt, aged 29.

Two solicitors ordered to be struck off

Two solicitors were ordered to be struck off the solicitors' roll by the Disciplinary Committee of the Law Society yesterday.

Rodney Drury, of Albermarle Crescent, Scarborough, jailed for two years last January for theft, forgery and other offences, was found guilty of conduct unbefitting a solicitor.

John Rhys Hancock Hill, of Richmond Terrace, Blackburn, was found to have used clients' money for his own purposes. He said he had panicked when his bank pressed him to reduce his overdraft.

The two have 14 days to give notice of appeal.

Appeal against sewerage ruling

An appeal against the High Court ruling that sewerage charges cannot be levied on homes not connected to main drainage is to be heard in the House of Lords on October 20.

The appeal is by the South-West Water Authority. If the court ruling is upheld, water authorities stand to lose annual revenue of about £18m from 900,000 ratepayers.

Prospective candidate

Mr Michael Hirst, aged 29, a chartered accountant, was adopted last night as prospective Conservative candidate for Dumbartonshire, East.

General election: Mrs M. A. Bain (SNP) 15,551; Mr J. S. B. Henderson (C) 15,529; Mr E. F. McGarry (Lab) 15,122; Mr J. A. Thompson (L) 3,626. SNP majority 22.

Plea on handicapped

A petition containing 11,000 signatures calling for social services for the handicapped to be spared from any public spending cuts was presented at 10 Downing Street yesterday.

Lord Shinwell resting

Lord Shinwell, aged 90, was said to be comfortable in the Middlesex Hospital yesterday after cutting his head in a fall at his flat in St John's Wood, London, on Tuesday.

lothers must pay £500 bail ureties or go to jail

wo young mothers were ered at the Central Criminal rt yesterday to pay £500 or to prison, because a man for om they had stood surety conded, even though they asked the police to release m from their sureties imme- ely after they had heard t the man was planning to cond.

rnest Wise, who was due to id trial on a charge of spiring to rob the home at nham, Surrey, of a widow, disappeared by the time uiries had been made.

udge Sutcliffe, QC, told Miss rion Mills, aged 26, of Burns d, Willesden, London, who has two children, and Mrs Pamela Lovell, aged 22, of Blenheim Crescent, Notting Hill, London, who has one child, that they would have to go to prison for six months unless the money was paid by the end of the year. Det Sergeant Brian Woodfield said that Mr Wise had been committed to Horton Hospital, Epsom, as an informal patient while on bail, but had disappeared from there the day before he was due to stand trial.

Miss Mills and Mrs Lovell told the judge that they had reported to police stations that night their belief that Mr Wise would abscond, and to ask for their sureties to be lifted.

How much can your estate car take?

Can it handle this sort of road?

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The 245 has a new, robust engine that bench tests have shown to be hard working even by our standards.

And, you'll be glad to know, it can get along on two star (93 octane) petrol.

Can it cope with the family?

The first job of an estate car is to carry people.

Lots of them.

The Volvo 245 gives a family of six legroom and headroom to spare.

And, unlike some, it's made for your most precious cargo, your children.

The rear doors have safety catches. The windows cannot be wound down below the safety level.

And there's loads of room behind for carry-cots, pushchairs, bicycles and all the paraphenalia of childhood.

As well as, of course, the faithful hound.

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Is it smart enough to take you to town?

The 245 isn't by any means merely a workhorse.

It has more than a touch or two of refinement, as well.

For instance, it is carpeted throughout. Even the back of the rear seat, so it doesn't look odd when you fold it down.

The rear window is electrically heated and boasts its own windscreen wiper and washer.

It has a quartz clock.

And a cigarette lighter.

In fact, it can more than hold its own with a good many smart saloons.

Is towing a boat up a hill plain sailing?

Many people who buy an estate car do a lot of towing.

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But the bulk of it has gone into increasing the torque.

This simply means it climbs even a 1 in 4 hill without strain or a lot of gear changing.

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Does it corner properly even when it's not loaded?

The big problem with an estate car is to stop the rear end sliding about when it's empty.

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HOME NEWS

New enzyme test makes drug prescription safer

From Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent, Oxford

New safety tests to help doctors to prescribe safe amounts of drugs that have dangerous side-effects even in very small overdoses are being developed by the Medical Research Council.

The council's clinical pharmacology unit at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, has made most progress with digoxin, taken by about 300,000 patients in the United Kingdom to regulate heartbeats.

Digoxin, a derivative of digitalis, has a low therapeutic ratio; it takes only a small increase in dose to produce dangerous side-effects, including nausea, vomiting, and an irregular heart rhythm similar to that being treated.

A detailed survey of patients admitted to hospital with heart conditions treated by digoxin showed that one in four was suffering from too high levels. Of that total, one in 16 was a case of fatal poisoning.

Methods exist for determining the levels of digoxin by analysing blood plasma, but they are not regarded as accurate enough. A group under Dr J. K. Aronson has devised a process using red blood cells.

It measures the blockage of an enzyme called ATPase, necessary for transferring material across the membrane of the red cells. One of the indications of an excessive digoxin dose is the inhibition of the enzyme.

Dr Aronson's team believe that a rapid and simple test can be devised based on this process. It would enable many laboratories throughout the country to carry out quick tests for general practitioners of the effect of their treatment.

Other comparable tests are being devised for other drugs to find out how substances are dispersed through the body; how they are being processed; the degree of effect of each treatment; and other factors needed to avoid accidentally prescribing an overdose.

By-election result expected to be close

By Our Political Editor

Both the main parties are on tenterhooks in expectation of an extremely close result in the by-election today for the marginal seat of Greenwich, Woolwich West. The result will be announced soon after midnight.

Labour and Conservative leaders and party managers are both treating the by-election as uncommonly significant, not only because the constituency has swung between both camps since the war but also because it is the first useful test of the political mood since the general election.

Conservatives would win Woolwich West on a straight swing between the parties of 4.3 per cent of the poll, and earlier in the week that seemed possible. But there is no doubt that Conservative Party managers have to reckon with the fact that some of the votes they need will be drawn off not only by the Liberal candidate but also by some of the five other fringe candidates. That is why they calculate that a swing of about 6 per cent may be necessary to win the seat.

For the Government, the result will carry a message about the state of opinion in a London marginal where Labour has always been very strongly organized, with the largest party membership in the country. For Mrs Thatcher and the new men she has brought forward in the Conservative leadership, the by-election will be a practical test of how well they have established themselves.

General election: W. Hamling (Lab), 19,614; P. J. Bottomley (C), 16,073; J. P. Johnson (L), 5,962. Lab majority, 3,541. Mr Hamling died in March.

'It can only be confusion of thought that leads progressives to imagine that the judiciary could ever be an instrument of social reform'

Lord Devlin rebukes critics of British judges

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

Judges should not be expected to be lawmakers as well, Lord Devlin, a former Law Lord, said in London last night. "The judges are the keepers of the law, and the qualities they need for that task are not those of the creative lawmaker", he said.

Lord Devlin was giving the Chorley Lecture, under the auspices of the *Modern Law Review*. His theme was a rejection of criticism that the English judiciary was torpid, inactive, and unwilling to develop the law to fit changing times.

Progressives were in a hurry to get things done, and thought that judges, with their plenitude of power, could get them done quickly if only they would unshackle themselves from the precedents and textbooks, he said, adding:

It is a great temptation to cast the judiciary as an elite which will by-pass the traffic-laden ways of the democratic process. But it would only apparently be a by-pass.

In truth it would be a road that would never rejoin the highway but would lead inevitably, however long and winding the path, to the totalitarian state.

The first mark of a free and orderly society was that the boundaries between the rulers and the ruled should be guarded and that trespasses from one side to the other should be independently and impartially determined.

Reformers must also accept that judges, like any other body of elderly men who had lived on the whole unadventurous lives, tended to be old-fashioned in their ideas:

It is silly to invite the elder generation to make free with Acts of Parliament and then to abuse them if the results are unpleasing to advanced thinkers.

It can only be some confusion of thought that leads intelligent progressives to imagine that the British judiciary could ever be made a pliable instrument of social reform according to their ideas. There are progressives who like moths outside a lighted window are irresistibly attracted by what they see within as the vast unused potentiality of judicial lawmaking.

They would surmount the obstacle of a reactionary judiciary by reconstructing it, diluting the alleged potency of its public school shift and imposing some regimen as yet unprescribed in detail, upon the daily lives of judges which would result in their becoming less remote.

I do not believe that measures of this sort would make a penny worth of difference.

Those who took up the law, whatever their background or education, tended to be of the same type, who did not seriously question the status quo, and who wanted to serve the law and not be its master. Lawyers were not naturally interested in social reform.

Judges were not equipped to be lawmakers because they had not the aids a lawmaker should have.

Already those appellate courts which are extending the reach of their judgments beyond the facts of the case are beginning to turn themselves into law revision committees working perforce without the aids which such committees have.

Lord Devlin argued that a principal objection to judicial lawmaking within the common law was that it might be undemocratic.

He also spoke of the danger of a judge's "entering into partnership" with the government of the day.

On such a statute as, for instance, the Industrial Relations Act, 1971, is he to ring up the appropriate minister and get his views about the next step?

Without this sort of conversation, the judge, bent on developing the law, is at worst heading for a collision and at best is groping in the dark, with in the judge abandons his role of arbiter between the government and the governed.

He asked why the denunciators of judicial inactivity so rarely paused to throw even a passing curse at the legislators who ought really to be doing their job.

Lord Devlin's thesis was that a judge's most important qualities were impartiality and, second, the appearance of impartiality. But if a judge were to assume the role of dynamic lawmaker, he would have to bring to it enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is not and cannot be a judicial virtue. It means taking sides and if a judge takes sides on such issues as homosexuality and capital punishment, he loses the appearance of impartiality and quite possibly impartiality itself.

Open hearing sought on Crossman diaries

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Harold Evans, editor of *The Sunday Times*, will ask for a public hearing of the High Court application by Mr Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, for an interim injunction to prevent the newspaper from publishing further extracts from the Crossman diaries when the case is brought before a Queen's Bench judge in private session at the Law Courts this morning.

The Attorney General's view is that it is for the court to decide whether to accede to Mr Evans's request. A spokesman for Mr Silkin said yesterday: "It is the normal course of events for these proceedings to be *in camera*. It will be up to those who want it to be held in public to make their case at the beginning of the hearing."

The Attorney General's office said it was possible for the judge hearing the case to make a detailed submission to the press after the completion of the hearing on the reasons for his decision. Mr Evans indicated yesterday that if the case was heard in private *The Sunday Times* would issue its own statement after the judgment had been made.

The Attorney General's writ seeks to prevent *The Sunday Times* from publishing the contents of *The Diaries of a Cabinet Minister* by the late Mr Richard Crossman, or any part of the diary itself, without prior submission of the extracts to Sir John Hunt, Secretary of the Cabinet, 14 days before their intended publication.

The writ is intended to prevent publication of any section of the diary referring to Cabinet discussions, meetings between ministers and consultations with civil servants. It is also understood that the Attorney General will attempt to prevent any future quotation of extracts already printed. *The Sunday Times* plans to publish next Sunday further extracts from the diaries concerning the detailed policy decisions of the Labour governments of 1964-70.

Clash over medical policy on oral contraceptives

By a Staff Reporter

An argument over medical policy on oral contraceptives emerged yesterday at a conference in London held to publicize new research findings into the metabolic effects of the contraceptive pill.

Family planning experts were shown a film produced by Wyeth Laboratories, the drug company, which included an interview in which Professor Victor Wynn, Professor of Human Metabolism at St Mary's Hospital, London University, spoke of his latest findings on the metabolic and biochemical actions of different types of contraceptive pill.

Professor Wynn said after the showing that it was the only one ever made on the metabolic effects of the pill.

"We keep saying how safe it is", he continued, "and how much research has been done, but there has never been a deep, penetrating analysis of all the metabolic effects. There is still a great deal to be learnt, and it will be learnt only if there is a willingness on all sides to do research. There must be less complacency. We want a product that minimizes metabolic effects, because that in the end must be good."

Dr Michael Smith, secretary of the National Association of Family Planning Doctors and chief medical officer of the Family Planning Association, said he thoroughly disagreed with the way Professor Wynn gave the impression that many formulations of the pill were somehow dangerous. He questioned the professor's "common-sense" assumption that the effects he had observed with many types of pill were necessarily a cause for concern.

Professor Wynn replied that Dr Smith was ignoring recent information pointing to increased rates of heart attacks and hypertension in women taking the pill, particularly those who had been taking it for some years. He said it was vital that an effective mechanism for monitoring reported ill effects should be maintained.

In the film, Professor Wynn showed that some pills have much less effect than others in altering blood levels of various kinds of chemical. Wyeth Laboratories contend that of those containing a combination of steroid hormones, pills based on norgestrel, caused markedly less upset to the body's behaviour. They suggest that the norgestrel partly reverses the effects of the oestrogen in the pill.

Escaped wallaby killed

A wallaby, valued at £300, on the run for almost three months from Banham Zoo, Norfolk, was killed yesterday by a car eight miles away at Garboldisham.

Newpapers merge

The *Peterborough Citizen and Advertiser*, launched in 1903, will be merged next week with the *Peterborough Advertiser*, which is published on Fridays. There will be no redundancies.

BBC 'planning to cut news programme'

By a Staff Reporter

Officials of the National Union of Journalists working in BBC television news complain today about lack of consultation over a decision they say has been taken to cut the BBC 2 programme *News Extra* from next September.

In a letter to *The Times*, Mr Don Anderson and Mr Julian O'Halloran say that the programme, which they describe as the only news transmission to deal with news in depth, is to be replaced by an ordinary 15-minute bulletin. "So far we have been given no coherent explanation for it".

The BBC said the autumn schedules were still being prepared: "We cannot defend a schedule that has not yet been announced."

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Husband tells court of death-wish in storm

Captain Jack Dennis told a High Court judge yesterday that during his "very happy and wonderful" marriage to a former actress he complained about the expensive gifts made to her by her former lover.

During their 33-year marriage, he said, the late Sir Harold Wernher, millionaire racehorse owner and friend of the Queen, had given Mrs Joan Dennis, now aged 68, jewels valued at £140,000; a £5,000 a year allowance; two houses in Bermuda, valued at £29,000 and £32,000; the matrimonial home, Riverhall, at Wadhurst, Sussex, recently sold for £65,000; and £13,600 to do up a London mews house.

Captain Dennis, aged 60, of Lower Ash, Nutbourne, Sussex, was giving evidence denying his former wife's allegation that he cheated her out of £33,580 during the marriage.

They were divorced last year. In the action Captain Dennis cited Sir Harold, who died, aged 80, in 1973.

Mrs Dennis, of Grosvenor Square, Mayfair, in her case which began on Monday, has admitted to Mr Justice Eveleigh that Sir Harold was her lover when she was 20, but she denied that they had been anything more than friends since she married Captain Dennis in 1941.

Captain Dennis denied his wife's statement that he had never complained about her friendship with Sir Harold. "I threatened to leave her in 1959 because of Sir Harold and I complained about the gifts she received," he said.

"Once, after an argument at Riverhall, in about 1957, I put on my wellington boots and walked out in a snowstorm. She had hit me on the chin and, although it may seem melodramatic, all I wanted to do was walk and walk into the snow until I killed myself."

Captain Dennis said his wife was "sweet, good, kind and thoughtful" for 95 per cent of their marriage. He had never stolen money from her.

He denied taking £33,580 by asking her to sign blank cheques, pretending that they were for small household bills. His counsel, Mr Roger Gray, QC, asked why some cheque stub figures did not match bank statements.

Captain Dennis said they did not want their son to know the amounts involved. He used to talk to people about how much money his parents spent.

He had always had high hopes of their only son, Anthony, now aged 32.

Mr Gray: Since your son left school he has been to many specialists and psychiatrists?

Captain Dennis: He has seen 21 specialists in London. It became obvious in 1962 that Anthony would never be able to take up employment.

Captain Dennis continued that his son started to go through cheque books and bills for Tunbridge Wells hotels about gifts his mother received from Sir Harold.

At the High Rocks Hotel, when he and his wife were having dinner, the manager asked Mrs Dennis whether "Uncle Harold had given her anything recently".

The hearing continues today.

Better late than never: Five hundred of these hockey stick blades, shipped from Pakistan in 1967, have arrived at a branch of the National Westminster Bank at Hoyland, near Barnsley, after spending eight years blockaded in the Suez Canal. Mr Arthur Kerruish, the bank manager, shown here examining part of the consignment, must decide what to do with the equipment.

Cost yardstick rate level at 97p

From Ronald Faux
Glasgow

The rate level for the new Strathclyde region covering half the population of Scotland was announced yesterday at 97p plus 10p domestic water rate in the pound. Variations in the region, which stretches from Clydeside to the remote corners of Argyll, range from 153p in the pound in Glasgow to 111p in Argyll.

The regional council said yesterday that the new levels were in line with government guidelines to keep rate rises within a 25 per cent level. Overall the increases are below 23 per cent for domestic and 26 per cent for commercial and industrial premises. The rate increase for Glasgow represents 18.01 per cent, well below the regional average.

Councillor Charles O'Halloran, finance committee chairman, said that ratepayers were being asked to pay no more than necessary to meet the cost of inflation.

The new rates have been announced little more than a month after the reorganization of local government in Scotland. The total budget for Strathclyde covered expenditure of £439m in the present year.

Ex-director £2m in debt lost £75,000 gambling

Robert Allen Woods, a former company director with debts of £2,011,248, told Mr James Tye, an official receiver, at London Bankruptcy Court yesterday: "I worked hard and I lived reasonably hard." He denied Mr Tye's suggestion that spending £440,000 in five years was extravagance.

Mr Woods, aged 33, of Little Trottendon Oast, Lidwells Lane, Goudhurst, Kent, said his spending was a "deliberate policy of capital depletion" carried out on the advice of financial experts.

The £440,000 included household and personal expenses of £159,000, gambling losses of £75,914, and £91,138 in losses on racehorses he had owned. Asked about Frant Place, East Sussex, he said he had spent a separate £199,000 on the property, but had never occupied it.

He was appearing for public examination before Mr Registrar Parbury. He said that in 1964 he formed a business later known as Norbury Insulation Group. It went public and overnight he became a wealthy man.

In 1971 he was severely criticized by the takeover panel of the Stock Exchange and he resigned from the board of his company, although retaining his shares and continuing as general manager.

He was reappointed to the board the next year, but resigned again in November, 1973, after a difference of opinion with the group's finance director.

He retained his holding and tried unsuccessfully to get other shareholders to support his attempt to return to the board.

The next July, he said, a director went to the company's bank and as a result of what he said a receiver was appointed. The company's Stock Exchange quotation was suspended and the receiver said there would be nothing for ordinary creditors and shareholders.

"I lost £3m in four months", Mr Woods said. His statement of affairs disclosed that of his total debts he expected £1,802,498 to be claimed against him. He put his assets at £11,523, and his deficiency at £1,790,975.

He told Mr George Auger, the bankruptcy trustee, that he had made gifts to a Miss S.J., an artist. He believed she was "now in the Middle East, painting shaikhs".

The examination was adjourned.

Dr Barnardo's phone-in on adoption

By a Staff Reporter

Dr Barnardo's, the child care charity, yesterday launched a phone-in service for people with questions concerning adoption. A skilled adoption worker based in Leeds will answer telephone calls every Wednesday afternoon and give confidential advice.

Callers may include unmarried women with anxieties after placing a child for adoption, couples who plan to adopt but have marital problems, adopted children wanting to know more about themselves or worried relatives of a couple adopting a child who has been difficult to place.

The number of the adoption advice service is Horsforth 6024.

The charity is also setting up a pilot scheme in Yorkshire in which couples will be paid to act as foster-parents. Five couples will be selected to take children who are normally difficult to place, and the wife will be paid £1,600 a year as a member of Dr Barnardo's staff.

Between fifty and sixty applications from couples have already been received.

Plymouth-France ferries carry record traffic

Record traffic is being carried on the new Plymouth to Roscoff ferry route, opened by the French owner Brittany Ferries two years ago (our Transport Correspondent writes).

There were 33,000 passengers in the first five months of the year, and more than five hundred lorries a week are carried on the line's two ferries.

Ferry traffic is growing gradually all round the east and south coasts of Britain, a trend likely to continue with the cancellation of the Channel Tunnel.

Clearly a lot of people are discovering the advantages of using a West Country route to the Continent, Mr Marcus Ware, Plymouth docks manager said.

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Computers should provoke financial decisions

Says Ted Jones, Director of Marketing, Sperry Univac UK

Computer manufacturers say that the economic benefits of data processing are more relevant in these inflationary times than ever before. Financial writer Philip Francis finds out why.

Francis: The idea of computers provoking decisions is pretty provocative itself. What exactly do you mean?

Jones: Simply that if you are a decision maker and you have all the relevant, repeat relevant, data literally in front of your eyes, you will reach a right decision fast. Computers properly used can provide all that data instantly, however complex it may be, and keep it updated minute by minute if necessary.

Francis: In front of your eyes? How would that work in practice?

Jones: These days decision making is getting ever more complex, but I'll try to give you a specific example. Take foreign exchange. With the fluctuations we've seen recently, timing is crucial. Yet it's immensely difficult to take into account the hundreds of factors that go into striking the right balance.

But if a manager walked into his office each morning and all the relevant data was confronting him on a visual display unit, he'd reach a right decision quickly. In fact he'd be provoked into it the moment he saw the whole picture.

Francis: That's the third time you've said "relevant data". Do I take it that in the past computers have been used wastefully?

Jones: I don't think I'd put it as strongly as that, but it's certainly true that most computers are not being used in a way that realises their full potential. Like the human brain, they're still under-utilised.

Francis: Why is that?

Jones: There are lots of reasons. Some installations have evolved on almost an ad hoc basis—putting in facilities for, say, production control, payroll accounts payable, or whatever, without deriving the benefits that could accrue from integrating the separate sets of data into one composite picture.

But probably most important is that computers were not called upon to be selective in presenting information to management. They printed out the trivial along with the significant.

Francis: So what are you doing about these problems?

Jones: We have gone a long way towards solving them.

First, we have developed the type of equipment which makes for relatively simple integration of many only partially-related records or "data bases" as they are sometimes called. But our main achievement has been in producing the software to enable this data to be accessed in such a way that only the relevant information is presented—and in a way that the executive not skilled in computers can understand. We call this "Information Management".

Francis: So you think you have removed some of the mystique from computers?

Jones: It's fast disappearing though we'd love to give it the final kick. It all goes back, I suppose, to the natural reservation—even fear if you like—of machines taking over the human role. That's why so much data processing has been confined in the past to invoices and listings. Now, lots of people are now using computers to establish the criteria on which to base human decisions—and that's a big step forward in terms of trust between manager and machine. The next step will be the more widespread use of computers in future studies and forecasting—building business models and deciding financial strategies.

I do wish, though, that executives would devote specific time to keeping themselves abreast of the potential of the industry's technological breakthroughs. If only users knew what their computers could do for them they should be a great deal happier—and so would we.

Francis: I must say you make the prospects sound really exciting. But let's get to the crux. If I were an MD, and felt that one of your machines could solve my problems, how on earth would I pay for it—particularly when my capital investment programme has been decimated, and all my colleagues are fighting for their own pet projects?

Jones: That's where our family concept comes into its own. With the Sperry Univac Series 90, for example, you can start with a small system and gradually extend your computing resources as your needs expand. In this way, you can budget your expenditure accurately, and evenly, over a long period instead of laying out a large sum on the powerful machine you may eventually need—a machine which you might under-utilise for months or even years if you bought it prematurely.

Francis: But that's still capital investment, so I still have my problem?

Jones: Then if you prefer you can rent from us instead. With this range, any five-year rental contract is for a fixed sum, with a unique guarantee of no escalation clauses during the entire rental term. So you'll know your exact commitment for hardware irrespective of inflation and, incidentally, get a wide range of software too without extra charge.

Francis: OK, I'm personally sold—but how can I evaluate the benefits you've described in quantifiable terms so that my co-directors, and shareholders can see tangible results over the next five years?

Jones: There are various ways of analysing cost-performance, but none of them are universally acceptable. If you want to quantify benefits to everyone's satisfaction, though, I suggest you treat your data processing department as an independent profit centre. Allow your d.p. manager to charge out his department's services at commercial rates, even if only internally. You'll find that this procedure not only gives you a true picture but acts as a powerful incentive for your d.p. manager to see that your installation is fully utilised.

Francis: And what happens if in fact I decide that I cannot for the foreseeable future, commit myself to expanding my computer facilities?

Jones: The saying that there's no survival without innovation would, I'm afraid, come home to roost on your perch. Over the next five years you'd find increasingly that your managers were not equipped with the tools they needed. You might lose good managers in consequence, and would certainly fail to attract fresh talent.

Then, of course, in relation to your competitors—and particularly in international terms—you'd be increasingly dependent on human judgment based on a chain of information which would itself be subject to the human fallibility element.

But your worst problem would be the slowness of your decisions—relative again to those of your competitors. Sluggish decisions make for lengthier than necessary projects, and that means greater expense. In short, as the pace of change accelerated, you'd find yourself left behind.

Francis: Well, nobody wants to suffer that fate. Whom can I reach for further information?

Further details of Sperry Univac Computer systems can be obtained from: The Publicity Department, Sperry Univac, Univac House, 160 Euston Road, London NW1 2DR. Or please telephone: 01-387 0911.

Hospital staff strike over alleged victimization

From Our Correspondent
Swansea

A 12-hour token strike yesterday at Morriston Hospital, Swansea, in which 400 members of the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe) walked out in protest at alleged victimization of their branch secretary, Mr Kenneth Price, aged 26, could have been averted, a union official said last night.

Mr Adrian Jones, West Wales area officer for Nupe, said that the West Glamorgan Health Authority should have agreed to an independent inquiry into the way in which Mr Price had ben disciplined for working too much overtime. Mr Jones said he had put that suggestion to the health authority and the Welsh Office, but neither had responded.

The strikers included storekeepers, porters, domestic staff, kitchen staff, telephonists and boilermen. Nupe nurses were not asked to join them. About 25 women picketed the hospital's main entrance. Trade vehicles and mail vans were asked not to enter.

Junior doctors helped to move patients, and nurses helped with washing up after lunch.

The union said Mr Price had been subjected to the second stage of a disciplinary code by the health authority before it had invoked the first stage, which would have led to an oral warning only.

The union said complaints had been "fabricated" to victimize Mr Price because he was at the centre of two separate disputes over private patients at the hospital earlier this year.

"They have been waiting for this opportunity since the last dispute", Mr Price said last night.

The health authority denied victimization. It denied that the first stage of its disciplinary code had been by-passed, and said that any individual who was reprimanded had the right of appeal to the health authority.

Race board rejects Mecca apology to barred man

Mecca Entertainments offered £20 compensation and an apology yesterday to Mr Lorne Hertford, a West Indian, who was refused admission to its Leicester Palais dance hall, but the offer was rejected by the Race Relations Board at Nottingham County Court. Mr Anthony Lester, QC, appearing for the board, said the offer contained no indication of any likely change of practice by the company.

The court was told earlier that Mr Hertford, aged 21, of Glenmore Road, Belsize Park, London, was refused admission two weeks after a ban on people involved in a fight between white and coloured youths. But it was his first visit to the hall for nine months.

Mr Eric Morley, the company's managing director, was in court. Mr Brian Appleby, appearing for Mecca Entertainments, suggesting the settlement, said Mr Morley, who was disturbed about press reports of the case, should be able to explain company policy under oath.

After the race board's refusal of a settlement the hearing was adjourned until today. The board is seeking damages for Mr Hertford and an injunction against Mecca Entertainments.

Food shortage warning

A freeze on prices might lead to food shortages, Mr Guy Lawrence, chairman of the Food and Drink Industries Council, said yesterday. Food processors were in the greatest difficulties in the world. "In cases where the total costs of manufacture exceeds the 'freeze' price there would be no alternative but to cut production," he said. The council has asked the Government to ease controls.

HOME NEWS

Children tidy village streets after lessons on litter

Tim Devlin
ucation Correspondent

two-hours-a-week course on ution for class 4B at Ben- l junior school, Portslade, sex, has caused quite a sation in that village.

supermarket manager com- ned to the school that the dren were causing conges- in his store by badgering r parents not to buy certain ds of food and drink, ch they said were litter irds.

r Kenneth Beard, the head- ter, said yesterday that vil- rs had complained that dren were "driving people he streets silly" by point- out the litter in their lens, suggesting that litter cets were in the wrong es, cleaning up the streets uselves, and talking all the about litter.

r Beard was speaking at a s conference in London erday to launch a report by nton Polytechnic on the se, which involved Ben- l school as one of 36 to take in a research programme ways of teaching children ampaign against litter.

ie research, sponsored by Keep Britain Tidy Group conducted by the poly- technic among 1,103 children aged between nine and 11, in- volved a group of schools for the first time in this country in a formal educational pro- gramme to make children aware of litter, which costs local authorities tens of mil- lions of pounds a year to clear.

Mrs Cherry Mares, a research fellow at the polytechnic, pro- duced teaching aids including a Walt Disney film, *Litterbug*, slides and cards, wall charts and a folder of information.

The children put up to about two hours a week on litter projects combined with more traditional subjects. They examined the amount of litter in their classrooms, play- grounds, streets and shopping centres.

The Keep Britain Tidy Group says research shows that education can cure the in- grained antisocial litter habits of the British people. It plans to extend the course into secondary schools in an effort to prevent the next generation of "litter-louts" from emerging.

Children and Litter (Keep Britain Tidy Group, Bostel House, 37 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE. £1.75).

Day a week in industry for pupils proposed

By Our Education Correspondent

Children of 15 should be allowed to spend one day a week in industry as "pupil- apprentices", Colonel Richard Jackson, the new president of the Association of Education Committees, said yesterday.

He told the association's annual conference in East- bourne that the scheme would help to ease the financial crisis in education and prevent violent behaviour.

He described the frustration of pupils aged 15 plus who wanted to leave school as early as possible. They played truant, were unwilling to learn, and were actively hostile in class.

He said: "We should aim to establish a system of pupil- apprentices, of pupils spending a day a week in their final year in industries of their choice where they work a full working day under the eye of a senior craftsman."

On Tuesday Mr Mulley, Sec- retary of State for Education and Science, announced that legislation to allow 16-year-olds to leave six weeks earlier in the summer term, at the spring Bank holiday, is likely in the next session of Parliament.

inister boosts councils' morale

n Christopher Warman
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ral government received a ome boost to its flagging le yesterday from Mr land, Secretary of State for Environment, when he essed the annual meeting he Association of District icils at Brighton.

r Crosland, who has not forgiven completely for emarks telling local auth- es "the party's over", t much of his speech ex- ing the facts of the eco- c situation.

t first he made clear his ort for the delegates , and added: "I have been asingly disturbed over the 12 months by what ints almost to a vendetta g certain sections of the and the public against government."

believed that the achieve- s of local government, in ing, education, public h, and other fields, were and the British system still one of the least cor- administrations in the l.

t carries out a vast range asks uncomplainingly and he whole efficiently", he "And it remains respon- though no doubt not ys responsive enough, to ic opinion. The complaints ear about popular lack of ence over local decisions d be worse by far if we shed local government and established instead a centrally controlled prefecture system on the French model."

Many of the charges made against local government were in fact against decisions out- side the authorities' power, such as reorganization. "Re- organization is a fact and I do not have any proposals to undo it; after one major operation I doubt if the patient is yet strong enough to undergo another. The fact remains that local government gets the blame for a misguided decision of central government."

Recognizing that in the past local government had been asked to alter its rate of spending too rapidly, the minister turned to the prospects for the future.

"The climate is a cold one", he said. The priority claims on national resources had to be the balance of payments and then industrial investment. Only after that could more resources be devoted to public and private consumption.

Local authorities accounted consumption. "Unless and until we sort out our economic problems the prospect for local authority spending will remain grim", he said.

Council spending had risen much more quickly than the national income. Although it was too early to be able to give precise figures, it seemed that authorities had taken seriously the Government's warnings about spending for this year and acted in a most responsible manner.

"But in some cases", he added, "the rate revenue which they are raising seems hard to reconcile with our guidelines on spending". Such councils might simply be protecting themselves against the possible accelera- tion of inflation, but if they had any money left over next April they must use it to hold down rates and not to finance con- sumption beyond that allowed under next year's rate-support grant settlement.

"If, however, the money has been used to finance over- spending in 1975-6", he said, "the effects will be very different. We cannot eat our cake and have it. If spending has gone up too fast this year it will have to go up corres- pondingly slower or not at all next year".

Desirable projects would have to be postponed, some plans would have to be cut, and the Government might have to delay putting into effect some legislation already enacted.

"The protests of the rate- payers will perhaps be supple- mented by cries of anguish from those who find their expecta- tions of better services disappointed", he said.

"Very often your immediate reward, like ours, will be unpopularity and yet more unpopularity. The real rewards for both of us will be the know- ledge that we have done our utmost to help to overcome the awesome problems which face our country."

ide support expected for ew Anglican Prayer Book

Staff Reporter

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e estimated that about e quarters of the parishes is own diocese used alter- ve services already avail- , although they might re- the traditional Communion ice on occasions.

However, he emphasized that the working party was taking great care to ensure that the traditional Prayer Book was not superseded totally.

The same point was made in the letter signed by Mr M. F. Elliott-Binns, secretary of the working party, which accom- panied the questionnaire to parishes. He wrote: "It is em- phasized that this book would not have the same kind of authority as the Book of Com- mon Prayer, let alone supersede it. The 1662 services must re- main available and it is hoped that they will be used on occasions by parishes that use the new services.

If there is substantial de- mand, an interim service book could be produced in 1977 con- taining alternative forms of Communion, Mattins, Evensong and the collects.

The full alternative services book would also contain bap- tism, confirmation, marriage and funeral services, the Psalms and the Catechism.

Cardinal praises progressive new movement

By a Staff Reporter

Cardinal Suenens, Bishop of Malines and one of the most progressive of Roman Catholic churchmen, spoke warmly yes- terday of the so-called Charis- matic Movement which is distrusted by many of the more orthodox churchmen.

He was in London to intro- duce two new books, his own work on the movement, *A New Pentecost?* and a biography of himself by Elizabeth Hamilton.

The cardinal said he was impressed by the movement in the United States. It began there in the late 1960s and places renewed emphasis on spontaneity and informality in religious observance and prayer. It also encourages greater participation by the congrega- tion. Cardinal Suenens said he believed that the influence of this movement of Christian renewal could lead slowly to a renewal of the liturgy, making it more vital, vivid and spon- taneous.

He emphasized that the charismatic movement required "guidance and discernment" and appealed to bishops and priests to take part.

"In past centuries enthusias- tic movements have first op- posed and then left the Church", he said. "We should be one while we still can. There are not two churches, one charismatic and the other in- stitutional. There is only one." He predicted that the charis- matic renewal would, by osmo- sis, slowly affect the liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and even social life at the Church. It represented in part a return to the ideas of the early Christians.

"If the hierarchy had been open to what was true in the vision of Martin Luther, there might have been no Reforma- tion", he said.

He admitted that the majority feeling within the papal Curia was not warm to the charis- matic movement. It had been a step of courage for the Pope to invite the cardinal to cele- brate Mass for 2,000 followers of the movement in St Peter's at Pentecost.

Cardinal Suenens said he was confident that followers of this movement were faithful in a deep sense. He believed that charismatic renewal could bring together the right and left.

Asked whether the rapid growth of the movement was an indictment of the institutional church, he replied that the Christian Church was more than a sociological or democratic entity. "Without the impulse of the Holy Spirit we should be nowhere", he said.

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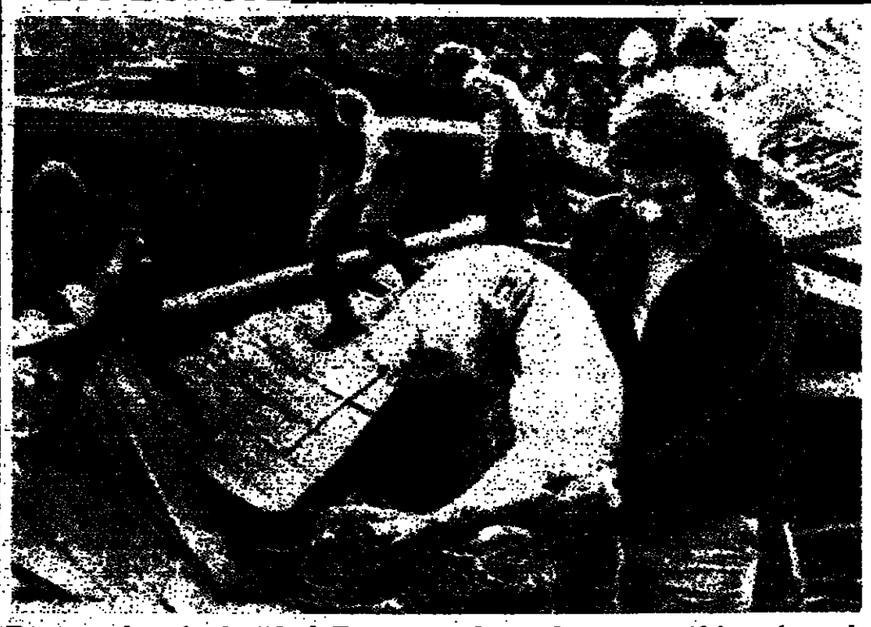


Farm workers in the Black Forest, southern Germany, sifting through the wreckage of a livestock farm destroyed by heavy storms which swept the area for two days this week.

Priority for increasing job satisfaction urged

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, June 25

Priority for measures to increase job satisfaction was advocated by Mr Francis Blanchard, director-general of the International Labour Orga- nization, in his summing-up to the meeting of the International Labour Conference that ended today.

He said the three-week debate attended by delegates from 119 countries, had also emphasized the need to improve working conditions in rural areas of developing countries, where about half the world's popula- tion live.

Another point on which atten- tion had been focused was effecting a big reduction in the occupational accident rate in agriculture, construction, engi- neering and mining.

There had also been a demand for new international standards on the working environment, possibly including the question of worker participation within the enterprise in decisions that concern safety, health and the humanization of work generally.

Mr Blanchard said detailed proposals on these would be put to the International Labour Organization's governing body. "I have been struck by the simi- larity of views between coun- tries whose levels of economic development are different", he added.

He believed that an inter- national programme to realize these aims would demand both determination and time, 10 to 20 years or more.

A policy declaration approved by the conference called on those countries, about a third of the member states, that had not yet ratified the convention on equal pay for women to do so expeditiously.

Arrests follow poison threat to Coca Cola

Zurich, June 25.—The Swiss police said today that two West Germans had been arrested after threats had been made to poison thousands of bottles of Coca Cola in circulation in Britain and America unless a ransom of 15m Swiss francs (£2,650,000) were paid into a Zurich bank account.

The threats were made in letters which arrived at a Zurich newspaper on April 23 and May 2, they added.

A police spokesman said a German cinema-film salesman, aged 58, was arrested on May 10 when he visited the bank in Zurich.

The spokesman added that a German journalist, aged 41, was arrested by French police on May 17 at the village of La Colle-sur, Loup near Nice. A German photographer, aged 29, was also arrested by the French but had been released

Spanish police accused of violating law

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, June 25

Police in Barcelona have handed over four Basque students to the military authori- ties for trial in connexion with alleged separatist activities, ecclesiastical sources in Madrid said today.

One of the four, Señor Pedro Aulestia Urrutia, from the Basque town of Ondarroa, is reported to have been taken into custody by police in Barcelona on June 14. The sources asserted that he was held for seven days before being charged and transferred to the Modelo prison in Barce- lona pending court martial.

If true, this is a violation of the fundamental laws of the Franco regime, which provide a theoretical guarantee of habeas corpus by ruling that the police may not hold priso- ners for more than 72 hours without charging them.

The four were among at least 14 Basque students picked up and interrogated in Barcelona during the past 11 days in connexion with subversion, the sources added.

According to Basque sources, a young barmaid from the town of Mundaca, in the province of Vizcaya, was held for one month before being charged in a magistrate's court. They identified her as Señorita María Carmen Arriaga, now in Basauri prison, Bilbao.

The theoretical habeas corpus guarantee does not apply in the Basque provinces of Vizcaya and Guipuzcoa, which were placed under a state of emer- gency by decree two months ago.

In the Vizcaya town of Ceanuri, eight Civil Guards, armed with machine guns, car- ried out an unannounced search of a nursery school several days ago without a warrant, which is not required under the state of emergency. The five small children attend- ing the school that day looked on.

Basque priests in General Franco's special prison at Zamora for Roman Catholic clergymen threatened this week to begin a hunger strike as soon as the date of the court martial of two well-known Basque activists was announced. The priests signed a note, smuggled out of the prison, in which they expressed the hope that political prisoners in other parts of Spain would join them in their protest.

The planned hunger strike is related to the impending court martial of José Antonio Garmendia and Señor Angel Otaegui, accused in connexion with the fatal shooting of a Civil Guard last year.

Basque nationalists contend that Señor Garmendia is men- tally defective as a result of the loss of brain tissue when he was shot through the head at the time of his capture. They argue that he is not fit to be tried and any statements which he made to the police should not be accepted in evidence.

Both Señor Garmendia and Señor Otaegui have been ack- nowledged as members by ETA, the Basque separatist organization.

Sakharov plea to Amnesty

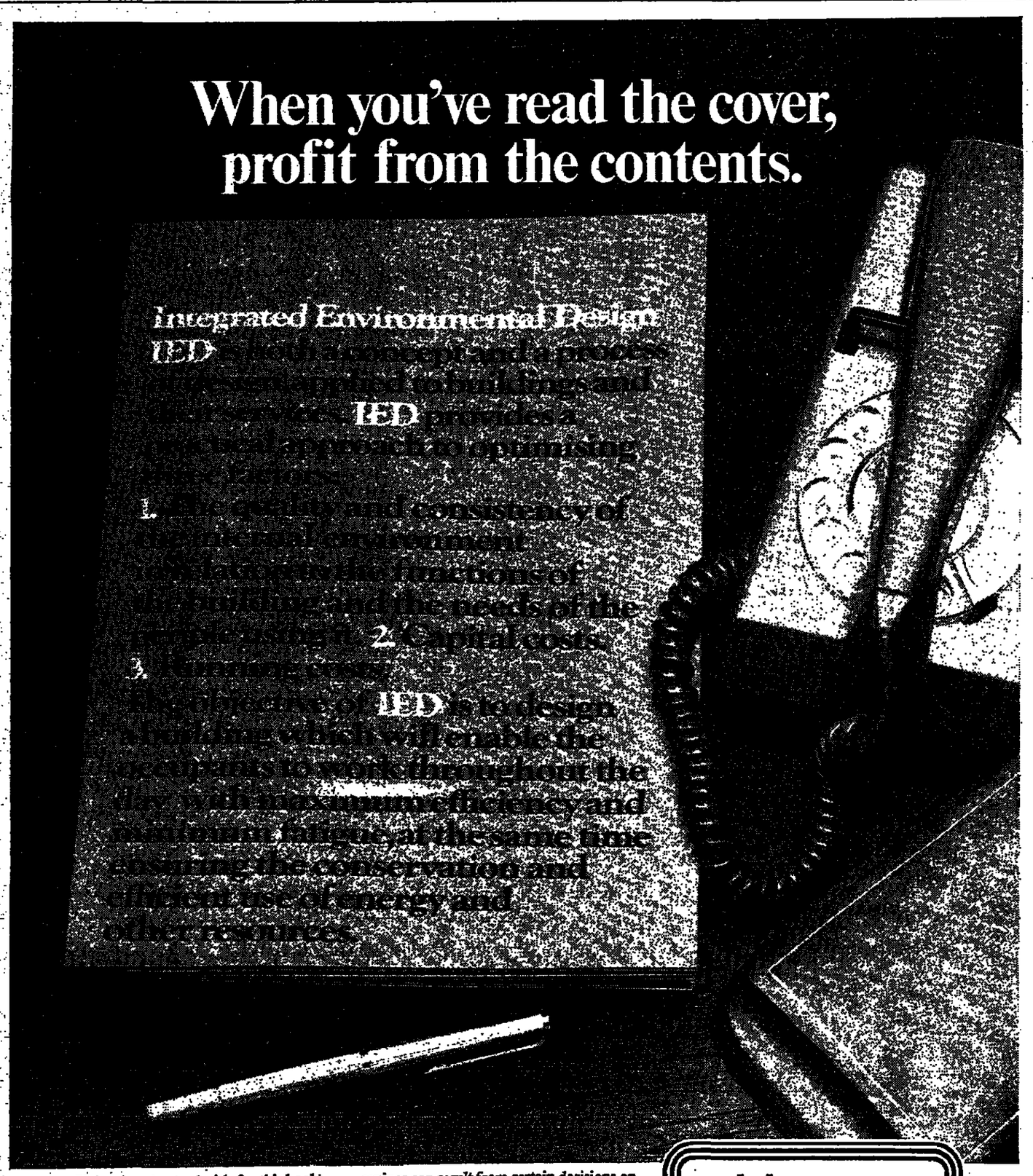
Moscow, June 25.—Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident physi- cist, appealed to the London- based Amnesty International today to send a representative to Moscow to protect the interests of the small Amnesty branch in the city.

"The world should know that the Amnesty people in Moscow are more severely per- secuted than anywhere", he told Western reporters.

Virgin peak conquered

Islamabad, June 25.—A six- member Japanese team has climbed the 23,221ft Mount Kampire Dior, the first expedi- tion to scale the virgin peak, Keijiv Ende.

The Hiroshima mountaineers conquered the peak on June 14. They made their assault from the south face of the peak, involving an almost sheer climb of over 3,200ft.—AP.



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Indignant Communist reaction in Lisbon to overseas comment

From Michael Binyon
Lisbon, June 25

The dispute in France over the document on communist tactics published in the Paris edition of *Republica* has led to heightened feelings against the foreign press here. The Communist-controlled Lisbon papers today gave great prominence to the matter, and one included a strong attack on *The Times*.

Most papers reported the arguments in France without comment, though giving prominence to the Tass denial of the document's authenticity. Then *O Seculo*, one of the largest circulation dailies, had a long article on Dr Kissinger's "preoccupation" with the possibility that Portugal might fall into the hands of the Communists, and coupled this with an attack on a leading Brazilian paper and *The Times*. Significantly this follows the Revolutionary Council's denunciation of foreign correspondents who distort the news "intentionally prejudicing the image of Portugal in the world".

Under a headline "Slanders of The Times!" the article quotes selected passages from Tuesday's leading article, which it said maintained that the decision of the Revolutionary Council to reject a dictatorship of the proletariat was a victory for the Socialist Party. Describing *The Times* as an independent London newspaper, with inverted commas round the word "independent", *O Seculo* selected four paragraphs from various parts of the article, ending with *The Times's* warning about the creation of a military dictatorship.

Dr Raul Rego, the Socialist editor of *Republica*, today told *The Times* that he was surprised by the reaction of the French and Portuguese Communist Parties to the publication of the document, since it had already been published by *La Notte* in Italy three weeks ago. He was not convinced by Moscow's denial. "There was *no judgment on the authenticity* of the document or answer to the charges in it", he said.

Our Paris Correspondent writes: For the third consecutive day, *Le Quotidien de Paris* has published a special number of *Republica* as an insert, with an article by Dr Raul Rego, across the top of its front page.

The controversy here over the alleged secret Soviet document published on Monday shows no signs of abating. The French Communist Party is obviously determined to exploit it to the hilt in order to brand *Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese* Socialist leader, and his party as anti-communists, and indirectly score points off the French Socialists. M Jean Kanapa, who was recently elected a member of the communist political bureau, disingenuously expresses the hope in today's issue of *l'Humanité* that the Portuguese Socialist Party will not take on the responsibility of breaking the union of left-wing parties in Lisbon and imperilling the young Portuguese democracy.

Dr Rego's reply in *Le Quotidien* today is that having recently recovered its freedom, Portugal cannot hope to rediscover the unity of the former opponents of fascism. "At that time the sole objective was to bring down fascism and recover freedom. But one would risk losing this new freedom if one attempted to compel the Portuguese to think and act in *the same way", he states.*

State's costly foibles aired by French report

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, June 25

The annual report of the Cour des Comptes, the state auditing board, is an inexhaustible fund of information about the ludicrous and costly foibles of the French administration. The latest report, *which M. Desiré Arnaud*, the board's president, has just submitted to President Giscard d'Estaing, once again provides a rich harvest for the edification—or indignation—of the taxpayer.

The prevailing malady appears to be a weakness for *paying private consultancy* organizations substantial fees to carry out feasibility and other studies which could have been done for nothing by the state's own experts.

Amid the financial blunders highlighted in this year's report, which covers the use of public funds in 1973, the board mentions that a feasibility study on the reorganization of the Ministry for Environment was entrusted not to the state's own experts but to a private firm for 123,356 francs (about £12,000) on the day after the publication of a decree concerning this reorganization. *The state Planning Commission*, moreover, bought from a private firm of consultants copies of studies carried out three years before by the administration.

The Ministry for Equipment signed two contracts in 1972 and 1973 for 200,000 francs with the same consultants who reported on concepts used by modern architects in their theoretical writings. The upshot was a volume of unintelligible gibberish which *cannot have been of much* enlightenment to those who commissioned it.

These feasibility studies are considered by the board to have cost the French taxpayer some 300m francs at least.

A novel topic in this year's report is the denunciation by the board of the methods of financing the French side of the European airbus and the Mercure passenger aircraft projects. For the airbus, the state advanced free of interest to one firm 1,667m francs for the fuselage, and 100m francs to another for the jet engines. It is unlikely ever to recover these sums, as repayment is provided for only after the sale of the first 130 fuselages and 325 engines, which is an unlikely prospect.

As for the Mercure, Dassault's new medium-range passenger aircraft, the company was given 503m francs, repay*able after the sale of the first* 45 aircraft. In fact, only 10 have been purchased by Air Inter Airline under considerable Government pressure and assembly has now been stopped.

Signor Saragat returning to revive his party

From Our Correspondent
Rome, June 25

The former Italian President Giuseppe Saragat will return from the political wilderness to relaunch his Social Democrat Party after its setback in last week's regional elections, party members said tonight.

Signor Saragat will be elected president at party executive meeting on Friday, in which the present secretary, Signor Flavio Orlandi, *who gave the party a* strong right-wing flavour, will give up his post. His place will be taken by Signor Mario Tanassi, hitherto party president.

Party members spoke tonight of a desire to show that democratic parties are capable of producing the reforms that the country needs.

Vatican affirms existence of the devil

Rome, June 25.—The Vatican today reaffirmed that the devil exists. The assertion was made in a two-page supplement to the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*, in which an expert of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, formerly known as the Holy Office, traced the history of the church's attitude to demonology over the centuries.

"The existence of the devil's world is revealed as a fact of *dogma in the Gospel*", the article said. It was "a central tenet of the faith of the church and of its conception of redemption".

Contemporary studies by scholars and theologians casting doubt on the existence of the devil "could not but trouble people's souls", the article added.—Reuter.

Move to expand W Berlin trade with East

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, June 25

Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, arrived in West Berlin today to discuss long-term plans for ensuring and expanding the city's viability. He will be seeing leading industrialists and businessmen and representatives of the city Senate and the Chamber of Commerce.

Proposals have been worked out since a similar meeting last December. At a conference tomorrow these proposals will be examined and, if they are approved, the measures to be taken will be decided.

Emphasis is being put on a cooperation centre, which would help medium and small-sized Berlin enterprises to take part in trade with the East. It would also promote research in the field of energy resources and pollution.

Thirty-six experts in the various fields have been appointed since December, and West German industry in general has shown itself cooperative, according to informed sources.

In East Berlin, talks on an agreement on rescue measures along the border have been resumed between representatives of the Senate and East Germany after a break of four months. The urgency of such an agreement was demonstrated again recently when a Turkish boy drowned in a border river.

Our Bonn Correspondent writes: The next general election in *West Germany will take place* on October 3 next year, if a proposal by Herr Schmidt is accepted by President Scheel. The Chancellor announced this today at a press conference in Bonn.

Normally, the election would take place on the Sunday before the fourth anniversary of the last election on November 19, 1972. The motive for bringing the date forward is the extra difficulties attached to campaigning in winter.

OVERSEAS

FAO chief sees no early end to hunger

From Patricia Clough
Rome, June 25

Dr Addeke Boerma, the director-general of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization, shook the World Food Council today by declaring that its aim—to eradicate world hunger in 10 years—cannot be achieved.

Efforts to produce more food must be accompanied by an all-out drive for economic and social development in the poorer nations, he said.

Dr Boerma's warning came in the middle of the inaugural session of the World Food Council, set up by the World Food Conference last November to put into action its strategy to feed 500 million starving or undernourished people and produce sufficient food for the world's future population.

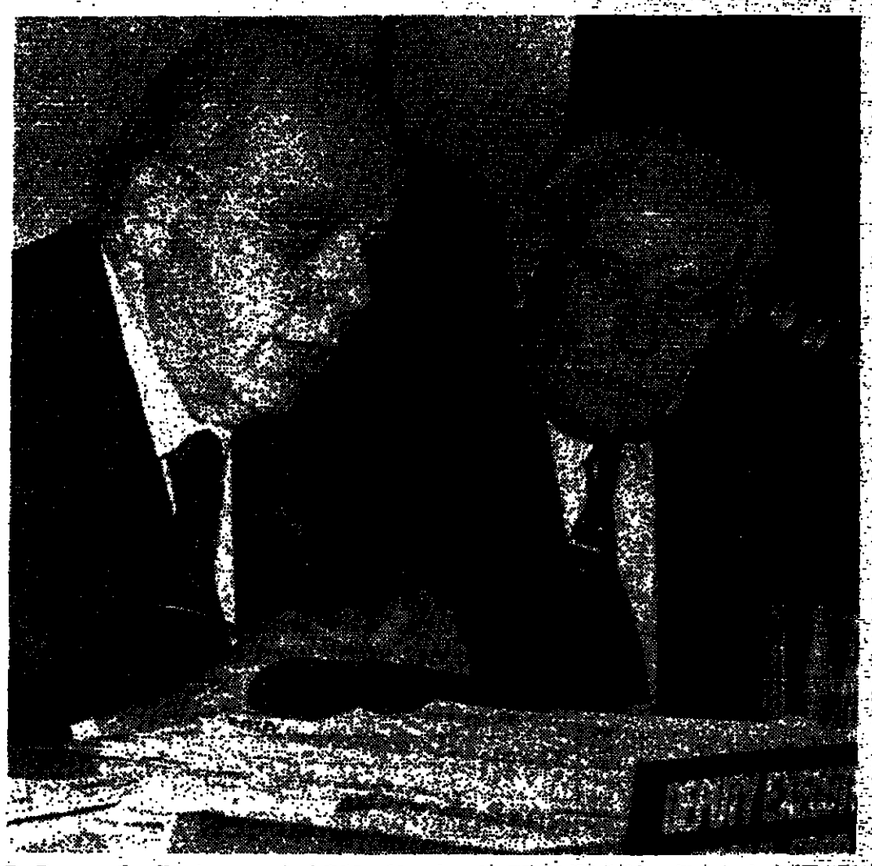
"The conference's aim, that 'within a decade no child will go to bed hungry, no family will fear for its next day's bread and no human being's future will be stunted by malnutrition', sounds beautiful", Dr Boerma told me. "But the problem is not just of food production *but of purchasing power.*

"There are so many people, the population increase is still going on, there will be more unemployment and underemployment, and if the social and economic problems are not tackled equally vigorously our council will be out on a limb."

Dr Boerma's warning may come as a cold shower to delegates of 36 countries assembled in Rome to discuss immediate food aid to the starving, how to produce and distribute cheaper fertilizers and increase the world's food output.

Mr John Grant, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry for *Overseas Development, who* heads the British delegation, said Dr Boerma's comments were "pessimistic but realistic. I hope he is wrong. I hope the target can be met".

Dr Boerma recalled that he had addressed the World Food Conference before he was aware that it was going to set such a target. "But I warned them over and over again, never to forget that the problem of hunger cannot be solved just with food production and distribution".



Dr Boerma, the director-general of FAO addressing the World Food Council's opening session in Rome yesterday. At right is Mr John Hannan, of America, the director of the conference.

Dr Boerma agreed that his unusual frankness was partly due to the fact that his term as director-general of the FAO expires at the end of the year "and I have nothing else in mind but concern for others, especially the poor in the world".

Much of the task of eliminating hunger, he told delegates, goes beyond the direct mandate of the World Food Council. "As *has been said many times be*fore, there must be an all-out drive for economic and social development in the poorer nations so that, for example, people everywhere have enough work to afford to buy the food they need.

"Without such a drive, even the target of an average growth rate of food production in developing countries of 3.6 per cent a year, that was put to the World Food Conference, will not be enough if all are to be properly fed.

"To speak frankly, Mr President, it is clear that such a transformation cannot be brought about within the next 10 years. And . . . I would not like to say when even the 3.6 per cent target can be met".

The council's minimum target of 10 million tons of grain a year as food aid to developing countries was indeed a step forward, he said. "But still much too low for reasonable *standards of nutrition in the* developing countries.

"It thus seems to be inescapable that the most urgent need that the council will be faced with in the immediate years ahead will be for a radical increase in food aid on a guaranteed basis—a need, however, that can be progressively diminished as the longer term measures for a lasting increase in food production in developing countries hopefully begin to take greater effect", he stated.

Dr Boerma also warned the world about thinking that the food situation was no longer urgent. The immediate food crisis that faced the conference has faded, prices of food and fertilizers have been dropping and forecasts for this year's crops are encouraging. But, he said, experience over the past few years has taught that nothing could be more short-sighted than to relax.

He also criticized some developing countries for failing to invest sufficient resources in agriculture and for not applying far-reaching agricultural reforms.

As far as the more developed countries were concerned, there were "hopeful signs", he said, as more of them realized the need to provide larger entry to their markets of raw materials and processed products from developing nations.

Lightning might have hit Boeing

From Peter Strafford
New York, June 25

Peculiarities of the weather are regarded as one possible reason for yesterday's crash of an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 at Kennedy Airport. There was a thunderstorm under way at the time, and there was some speculation that sudden air currents, known as "shears", might have thrown the aircraft out of control.

Investigators will also look into the possibility that lightning struck the aircraft just before it crashed, as several eye-witnesses have claimed. They are doubtful, however, whether this could have been the sole cause of the crash.

The aircraft was coming in to land on a flight from New Orleans when it suddenly went out of control, turned upside down, and crashed heavily on to an express road, narrowly missing several cars. Officials said today that 110 passengers and members of the crew had been killed, including a two-month-old infant not on the passenger list. There were 14 survivors, all of them in hospital.

The flight recorder and the cockpit voice recordings were both recovered intact and were flown to Washington. Mr George Van Epps, the head of the inquiry set up by the National Transportation Safety Board, said he knew of no communication between the pilot and the control tower that suggested any mechanical trouble as the aircraft came in to land.

"There is no indication from the control tower that an emergency was declared", he said. Kennedy airport has a standard instrument landing system that is intended to guide aircraft down in bad weather.

The aircraft disintegrated and burst into flames when it hit the ground, scattering debris and human bodies over a wide area.

Arthur Reed, Air Correspondent, writes: If the investigators attribute the crash to lightning, it will be a fairly *rare cause. Lightning strikes on aircraft are common but* seldom result in damage. Unless they are particularly severe, they go unreported usually.

The metal surface of the aircraft acts as a conductor, around which the lightning charge runs and dissipates. The most vulnerable areas are those made of non-conducting composite materials, such as radar domes and windshields.

By far the greatest danger to aircraft from lightning comes when the charge runs into a fuel tank and ignites the *vapour there. Particular care is* taken in welding in these areas during manufacture to eradicate gaps between pieces of metal across which lightning could arc, causing a spark.

Many of the world's airlines have installed in their airliners in recent years a system which uses a flame detector installed in the fuel tanks. This releases inerting gas to suppress a fire in the tanks

Greece told of EEC entry plans

From Mario Modiano
Athens, June 25

Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Foreign Minister who is chairman of the EEC Council of Ministers, arrived in Athens today to notify the Greek Government that its application for full membership of the European communities had been received and was under consideration.

He told reporters at Athens airport where he was met by Mr Bitsios, the Greek Foreign Minister: "We decided yesterday to acknowledge the application of Greece and asked the Commission to draft a report with its views. I believe we shall be discussing the subject at the council next September, probably even before the Commission's report is ready."

Asked how long it would take for Greece to become a full member, Mr Fitzgerald mentioned that Ireland had had to wait for about three years for admission. He said: "The average time for the consideration of the application and the negotiations is between two and three years."

He took the opportunity to attend the sessions of the mixed Greece-EEC Parliamentary Committee which began in Athens today for the first time in eight years. This was one of the instruments of Greek Association with the Community which fell into abeyance when the military dictatorship was imposed in Greece in 1967.

The Greek application for integration in the community has brought unfavourable reaction from Turkey where it is seen as a hostile political manoeuvre in the context of Greek-Turkish antagonism.

Greek leaders and officials have emphasised that this interpretation is not only arbitrary but wrong, seeing that Greece would be willing to help Turkey to join the community whenever she feels that the state of her economy would justify it.

This was explained in great detail to Mr Reginald Maudling, the Conservative shadow Foreign Secretary, who has been having talks with Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, Cabinet members and the Opposition.

White farmer is killed by guerrillas in Rhodesia

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, June 25

A white farmer has been killed by guerrillas in Rhodesia's north-eastern border area. A Government spokesman said today that English-born Mr Alan Howe, aged 56, was killed on his farm in the Chiweshe region about 70 miles from Salisbury.

He was found by his wife at about 6.30 pm yesterday. His death brings to 17 the number of white civilians killed by guerrillas since fighting was resumed in December, 1972. Four more guerrillas have been killed by the security forces.

Senator Desmond Lardner-Burke, Minister of Law and Order, told Parliament today that treasonable and subversive activity would not be tolerated in future under cover of the détente.

Calling for the state of emergency, now 10 years old, to be renewed for another year, the minister said that black leaders who had recently travelled abroad had demanded at the Commonwealth conference and at the United Nations that sanctions should be strictly enforced and increased in severity. These outbursts indicated clearly where these leaders stood.

He said that these men had talked openly of promoting terrorism if their demands were not met. The Government had been extremely forbearing in not reacting to this provocation because it had the overall interests of all the people in mind. However, this restraint could not continue indefinitely.

Mr Lardner-Burke said the emergency powers were needed to deal with guerrilla activity and the continuing economic war. Mr Micah Bhebe, a black member of Parliament, said Rhodesian blacks were subjected to much ill-treatment from certain quarters because of the state of emergency.

The state of emergency, which was imposed on the eve of the unilateral declaration of independence in November, 1965, was renewed.

Rhodesia is to increase its defence spending for the next year by 23.5 per cent. Defence *is the fifth largest single vote* in the Estimates released today.

Bishop's wife is expelled from S-W Africa

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, June 25

Mrs Cathy Wood, the American wife of the Right Rev Richard Wood, Bishop Suffragan of Damaraland in South-West Africa, was put on board an aircraft to Johannesburg at Windhoek tonight after two days' defiance of an order expelling her from the territory.

Mrs Wood and the bishop were given seven days' notice last week to quit South-West Africa. No reasons were given. The bishop drove into Botswana on Monday half an hour before the deadline expired, but Mrs Wood decided to sit tight with her two-year-old daughter, Rachel.

This afternoon the police arrived at the bishop's official residence and arrested her. She was given time to pack a few belongings before being driven off with her daughter in a police car.

The United State Embassy in Pretoria has asked the South African Government why she *has been expelled. Mr G. W.* Bowdler, the Ambassador, said

Parties launch drive to remove Mrs Gandhi

From Our Correspondent
Delhi, June 25

The non-communist Indian Opposition parties decided today to launch a "nationwide struggle" for a week, beginning on Sunday, to press for the resignation of Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, after her failure to get an "unconditional stay" from the Supreme Court against a lower court judgment disqualifying her from office.

The parties are Congress (Organization), Jana Sangh, Bharatiya Lok Dal, the Socialist Party and Akali Dal.

Representatives of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam from Tamil Nadu also took part in the meeting. They said they *would announce their formal* association with the movement later.

Mr Morarji Desai, former Deputy Prime Minister, will lead the movement.

Israelis see Stern gang assassins as heroes

Continued from page 1

specialized in political assassinations, took a four-column advertisement in the newspaper *Haaretz* to urge the public to "come in multitudes".

Government involvement has turned what might have passed *as a normal humanitarian* gesture after 30 years into a controversial national occasion. It illustrates the complete shift in Jewish attitudes to the former terrorist movement.

At the time of the killing, when other young Jews were fighting in the British Army against Nazism, the men who are now regarded as national heroes were denounced bitterly by Zionist leaders. Dr Chaim Weizmann, who later became Israel's first President, described Lord Moyne's assassination as "one of the worst disasters to befall us in recent years".

Israelis I have spoken to do not believe that the glorification of the murderers will detract from Israel's worldwide campaign against Palestinian terrorism. They regard Arab terrorist aims and methods as ignoble and indiscriminate, compared with those of Mr Hakim and Mr Bet-Zuri.

An Israel radio commentator, reporting on the transfer of the bodies, said the two men had carried out the assassination "in the name of freedom against British colonialism and in support of the Jewish claims to the land of Israel."

"Their idealism, discipline and courage impressed even the Egyptians, who were then shaking under British rule", he said. "The bitter arguments over the morality of the dead have passed. What remains now is the memory of two heroic young men and their sacrifice."

Another radio commentator, giving the background to the assassination, said Lord Moyne's fate was sealed when he was reported to have asked: "What will I do with a million Jews?"—a reference to the belief that he was opposed to the rescue of Jewish victims of the Nazis.

Programmes in honour of the two men have been broadcast by state and Army radio services during the day. In one the sister of one of the murderers expressed thanks to the Israel Government and especially Mr Peres, the Defence Minister, for arranging the return of the bodies.

In another interview Mr Natan Yellin-Mor, the former head of the Stern gang, was asked how he explained the fact that, at the time of the murder, all Jewish leaders in Palestine had condemned it. He replied: "The fact that the bodies are being brought back for a state funeral is proof enough our action was not in vain and the sacrifice of their lives was not for nothing."

Asked whether, in hindsight, the assassination was justified, he said: "Certainly. In fact, I believe it was one of the determining acts of Israel's struggle to achieve independence." Lord Moyne was not "executed" as a person, but as the representative of British imperialism. (Lord Moyne's chauffeur was also killed in the attack.)

Wilson call for a new start with Uganda

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, June 25

President Amin announced tonight that he had received a message from Mr Wilson offering to put relations between Uganda and Britain on a "new and better foundation" once the threat of execution has been lifted from Mr Dennis Cecil Hills, the British lecturer sentenced to death for treason.

Mr Wilson's message was in reply to President Amin's latest telegram to the Queen.

According to Uganda radio tonight, the Prime Minister welcomed General Amin's assurance that he and the people of Uganda are in no way opposed to Britain or to Mr Hills. "Certainly, Britain wishes nothing more than friendly relations with Uganda", Mr Wilson said. He agreed with President Amin that it was time to open a new chapter in their relationship.

Britain was ready to send experts to Kampala at short notice to examine Uganda's need for spare parts for British military equipment, the message continued. "In a sincere desire to find a way through our difficulties I can assure you that Mr Callaghan [the Foreign Secretary] will indeed come to Uganda once I know that Mr Hills's life has been spared and that he will not be executed."

Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister added, would be willing to discuss the whole range of political, economic, cultural and technical problems with General Amin.

The message continued by referring to the many appeals the President had received from other heads of state, stating that these indicated how much the world was hoping that he would show mercy. "Once again I join my appeal to theirs. We are willing to make a fresh start in our relations in Uganda. We can have one when the way is clear for Mr Callaghan's visit."

The message has been interpreted here as a speedy response to President Amin's call yesterday which appeared to indicate a wish to smooth over the crisis between the two countries.

Earlier today, a Uganda military spokesman said in Kampala that "two British warships and troops" were now at the Kenya port of Mombasa.

His statement, broadcast by Uganda radio, repeated the allegation (which has been denied in Whitehall) that General Sir Chandos Blair, during his visit to Kampala, had threatened that Britain would use troops based in Kenya against Uganda if President Amin did not change his decision.

British sources in Nairobi said, however, that the only British ships in Mombasa were the frigate Salisbury, and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary supply vessel, the Tidesurge, neither of which carried troops. They were both on routine visits.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Hopes are rising in London that a way may yet be found to save the life of Mr Hills, who is due to face a firing squad tomorrow week.

In such a volatile situation there is no assurance that there will be a happy ending. On the contrary, Mr Callaghan and his advisers at the Foreign Office remain extremely anxious. But there are new and positive elements in the affair.

The first is the circumstances of President Amin's second telegram to the Queen which arrived on Tuesday night. Secondly, there is the tone of the message itself, which in certain respects was not unhelpful. Thirdly, there is the diplomatic context of the forthcoming meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Kampala.

The more hopeful feeling in London springs from the seemingly cordial way in which President Amin handed the message to Mr James Hennessy, the acting British High Commissioner, and his staff in Kampala on Tuesday. When they were summoned by the President, no one knew if they were to be detained, harangued or even thrown out. In the event President Amin made it clear that he harboured no grudge against the British.

Moreover, the note itself indicated that the Ugandan *President had come very close* to reprieving Mr Hills during the visit of General Sir Chandos Blair. What changed his mind is still not known. General Blair has rejected all the charges against him of behaving in an undiplomatic way, and Mr Callaghan has thanked both him and Major Iain Grahame for their efforts.

At the diplomatic level, President Amin is certainly aware of the combined and extraordinary pressure being brought to bear by African countries. Even Libya has lent support to the clemency appeals.

The atmosphere for the OAU meeting at the end of July would certainly be damaged if the execution of Mr Hills went ahead.

Robert Fisk writes: General Blair and Major Grahame last night made a personal report to the Queen at Buckingham Palace on their mission to see President Amin. They spent 15 minutes at the Palace.

The Queen had earlier flown from Balmoral to Heathrow airport and saw the two emissaries within minutes of her arrival in London.

Mozambique celebrates its first day of independence

From Michael Knipe
Lourenco Marques, June 25

The People's Republic of Mozambique, Africa's forty-forth independent state, today celebrated its first day of freedom from Portuguese rule with a jubilant street parade, an independence proclamation and a two-hour inaugural address from Mr Samora Machel, its first President.

Outlining the political philosophy by which the country will be ruled, President Machel said Frelimo, the liberation movement and now the ruling party, would hold primacy over the Government in all decisions and at all levels.

Independence arrived symbolically *soon after midnight* when the Portuguese flag was lowered and furled at the Machava sports stadium. The new Mozambique pennant was hoisted. It consists of a gun crossed with a hoe on a book inside a cog-wheel, on the national colours of red, green, black, white and yellow.

In spite of continual rain, a crowd of about 80,000, including several thousand of the remaining white settlers, watched the ceremony at the sports stadium, singing patriotic songs and shouting. Afterwards joyful Frelimo soldiers fired round after round of automatic fire into the air, lighting the sky with tracers. One woman was reported to have been injured accidentally.

Britain, the Netherlands and the Nordic countries were the only ones from the Western world among more than 50 foreign delegations invited to the independence ceremony.

President Machel said his party would be an instrument for national reconstruction and a conscious revolutionary force for the defence of the interests of the working masses.

Having experienced the hardship of armed struggle, Frelimo appreciated the value of peace, he said. It would undertake a policy aimed at establishing genuine peace based on justice and was in favour of complete world disarmament. Mozambique would be secular state but freedom to practise any religion, or none, would be guaranteed.

Although the people won winning political power, they did not yet have economic power and the administration of education, health, judicial affairs and other administrative machinery still escaped their control.

The complex administrative machinery, he said, was designed solely to serve foreign domination, irrespective of the good will of the practitioners.

It was necessary to avoid being carried away by the euphoria of independence, cool-headed analysis of conditions within the country, sector by sector, was needed.

The swearing-in ceremony took place beneath the huge chandeliers in the city hall and afterwards the President delivered his inaugural address from a balcony overlooking the crowded street.

A new Constitution has been published which says that foreign capital will be allowed within the framework of the party's economic policy, and the right to own private property will be recognized so long as it is not used against the interests of the state.

VERSEAS

ndo-China efugees ice typhoon eason

n Patrick Brogan
hington, June 25

ie last tents for Indo-ese refugees were taken n this week on Guam, in western Pacific. But for the 0 refugees further east on e Island there will still to be shelter from the oon season now beginning: have a long wait ahead re they reach their final es in the United States.

e head of the refugee ement programme, Mrs Taft, said here that she d to close all the refugee s and wind up the opera- this autumn. As she ted that only 700 refugees eek were being resettled nanently, and a total of 2 were still in camps on 15, it is unlikely that her will come true.

e four camps in America full. The voluntary organi-ns, which find sponsors the refugees and see to welfare, all report that it creasingly difficult to find sors.

e figures are quite impres-a total of 131,399 refugees ed the "US system of ol" (meaning the United s or its Pacific possessions) me 15, and 32,321 of them been resettled perma-y in America. A further have gone to other coun-—but far fewer than the 0 people who the Govern-hoped, would be taken in uropean countries, Austra-nd Canada.

e machine for resettling ees is at least working and the computers have bed names and addresses. hose who asked what they l do to help have now ed a letter from Mrs Taft g: "On behalf of the dent, I would like to ss my deep appreciation our interest in helping". e letter goes on to say: r 12,000 Americans have d sponsorship assistance. an all, indeed, take heart is clear manifestation of trong continuing commit-in this country to the iple of maintaining an open to those from abroad who to live in freedom".

out 2,000 refugees have to be returned to Viet- and the authorities are ging their transit through nited Nations High Com-ner for Refugees. Some unhappy experiences with sponsors, some of whom ht it a fine opportunity quire cheap labour.

ny of those settled so far rofessional people. A high rtion of South Vietnamese s fled the country, and of them are settling in s agricultural districts their services are in high nd. They have, first, to an American medical ination and a test in sh.

Six months after cyclone disaster the planners plod on planning

Darwin still city of ruins

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, June 25

Six months after the cyclone called Tracy devastated large areas of Darwin on Christmas Day last year, the city and its people have still not entirely recovered from the shock.

On January 3, after Australia's biggest air lift and road evacuation, there were only 11,000 people left in the city. This week, it is estimated that 32,000 people are back in Darwin, but they are living like refugees in a city of ruins.

Not one new house has been built and work is only now starting on the construction camps for the 1,500 building workers who will rebuild Darwin. The suburbs are shanty towns of iron, timber and canvas.

The people of Darwin are bitter and angry, blaming Canberra for political procrastination, and the Darwin reconstruction commission for excessive red tape.

They also blame the men who are planning the new city for being too academic and unrealistic in their ideas. Dr Ella Stack, the new Mayor of Darwin, said: "The planners are marvellous little academics who spend their lives advising our politicians, but I think our politicians would be well advised to get rid of all of them.

"They don't relate to people. What Darwin wants is the old Darwin only better. They don't want a planners' dream".

Mr Tony Powell, chief of the Darwin reconstruction commission says it must keep to the decision to rebuild only cyclone proof buildings well above the surge line that would be hit by a combined high tide and a cyclone-driven tidal wave. It is easy to say that a cyclone of the dimensions of Tracy may never recur. But it could happen again during the first week of the wet season which is coming.

"October and November will bring soaking, non-stop rains. People say that cyclone warnings will give them time to evacuate the surge zone primary area, but almost everyone completely ignored the initial warning when Tracy struck."

Of the 12,000 pre-cyclone dwelling units in Darwin, the commission estimates that 9,000 were destroyed by Tracy, and the remaining 3,000 badly damaged.

Obviously, the task of reconstructing an entire city cannot be handled by Darwin people alone; it must be a national enterprise, conceived, financed, controlled and directed by the national Government.

This plan is now entering its second stage, the building stage, which the commission sees continuing until 1978. House building will have priority.

The commission is working on the basis that it will build at least as many houses as were destroyed.

The programme this year is to make existing dwellings relatively safe, but by the middle of 1978, the commission believes the reconstruction of a modern cyclone-proof city will be well advanced.

Ceasefire agreed in Beirut to stop renewed clashes

Beirut, June 25.—A ceasefire to end the latest violence in Beirut's southern suburbs was negotiated today by the Lebanese-Palestinian coordination committee. But an official announcement said that "some shots and explosions can still be heard".

The ceasefire was agreed after the coordination committee held a series of meetings with "various groups", which the announcement did not identify.

As a result of the meetings, presided over by Major General Said Nosrallah, the Interior Minister, internal security forces were sent into the Shiyyah and Ain al-Rummaneh area, where the fighting erupted yesterday after a three week lull.

Two civilians were killed and five members of the security forces were among those wounded yesterday and today.

The Palestinian news agency, Wafa, said the coordination committee met at the urgent request of the Palestinian side to discuss the latest clashes.

Leftists and right-wingers have accused each other of starting the shooting, but it has been extremely difficult, even for observers on the spot, to determine where the firing was coming from. The Ain al-Rummaneh and Shiyyah area saw some of the most persistent shooting last month between right-wing Phalangists and left-wing gunmen.

The latest violence has added new urgency to the efforts of Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister-designate, to form a new government. Today he entered his fifth week of trying to break the deadlock between the mainly Christian Phalangists and the predominantly Muslim left-wingers.—Reuter.

Cairo, June 25.—Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, has decided to suspend financial aid to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the Cairo newspaper *Al Ahram* said today.

His order came "after the PLO refused to bow to his pressures and carry out various demands which he made and which the organization considered a deviation from the pan-Arab national line", the newspaper reported.—UPI.

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gon, June 25.—The utionary authorities have hed a propaganda cam- against the former South amese regime and its ican backers.

feature of it is "people's rences", summoned for demunciation of alleged s of the United States and administration of former dent Thieu.

evision film of United s bombing operations in am during the war is n. The Saigon newspaper *Phong* (liberated Saigon) weighed in with special ts and pictures of the ings

Phong also reported land belonging to former dent Thieu has been dis-ted among 50 peasants.

Vientiane, June 25.—The pro-communist Pathet Lao have imposed full control on all the provinces around Vientiane after what has been described as "popular uprisings of the people".

With Pathet Lao forces now in command of almost all the principal towns in the country, the Laotian capital, which was neutralized under the 1973 peace agreement, is facing mounting political pressure from left-wing elements.

The Pathet Lao today warned the United States to shut down its aid mission on Monday.

The American Embassy said that four officials of the Agency for International Development would leave by Monday.—Reuter and AP.

In brief

North Korea on US 'aggression'

Peking, June 25.—North Korea asserted today that United States aggression had driven the situation in divided Korea to the brink of war. Mr Hyun Jun Keuk, the North Korean Ambassador in Peking, told a press conference that many senior generals had visited South Korea to oversee war preparations.

He accused them of aggravating tension between the two Korean states

Conference doubts

Mexico City, June 25.—Miss Germaine Greer, the Australian author, said today that the International Women's Year conference now being held here was not likely to help oppressed women in the world as the delegations were "representative of governments, not of women".

Martial law lifted

Tananarive, June 25.—The Malagasy Government has ordered martial law to be lifted from tomorrow. It was imposed six months ago after the murder of Colonel Richard Ratsimandrava, the head of state.

Soviet oil pledge

Budapest, June 25.—Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, told the Comecon council meeting today that Russia would increase its oil shipments to other members of the eastern block's counterpart of the EEC.

Wheels stop turning

Buenos Aires, June 25.—Argentina's transport workers went on strike today. A stoppage by the country's journalists is continuing.

ussia accuses vel firms colonialism

scow, June 25.—Mr Sergei in, the chief of Intourist, state-run Soviet travel cy, today accused two rn firms of "colonialism" use they asked for a share e profits and the running of hotels they hope to build ussia.

e American Intercontinen-Hotels Corporation and ska Cementgueteriet, of len, intialled an agreement Intourist last June.

provides for the building of 500-bed hotel in Moscow, to accommodate 2,000 le in Leningrad, and an-r for 800 people in Kiev. tiations have been held up t year because of the profit ing issue.—Reuter.

Kenya dissolves committee on corruption

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, June 25

The Kenyan Parliament has voted to dissolve a select committee appointed last month to investigate corruption. This has come as a surprise in spite of recent criticism of the committee's composition.

The motion to establish the committee was approved on May 2. Mr Martin Shikuku, a prominent backbencher known for his criticism of Government policies, who moved the motion, was appointed its chairman.

Now another motion from Mr Jacob Mwongo, a backbencher, has rescinded the original one. He wants the committee reconstituted with different members and new terms of reference.

ahara dispute at World Court

ie Hague, June 25, Morocco y accused Spain of trying et up a "puppet state" in Spanish Sahara, which is ned by both Morocco and ritania.

orocco made the allegation he opening session of the rnational Court at The ue, which is preparing an sory opinion for the United ons on the historical status ne territory.

ccording to observers, Mr s Slaoui, Morocco's counsel, apparently referring to in's promise last month that ould hand over sovereignty the territory's people "as as possible in the form manner that best suits its abitants".

lorocco and Mauritania both m that the desert territory, its great mineral wealth, nged to them before Spain annexed it in the late nineteenth century.

The court was asked by the United Nations General Assembly to determine whether the region was a "territory belonging to no one" at the time of annexation or whether it had some form of legal ties with neighbouring Morocco and Mauritania.

Mr Slaoui, who is Morocco's Permanent Representative at the United Nations, told the court that Spain had consistently defied United Nations resolutions calling for the decolonization of the territory. He alleged that Spain was now trying to set up a puppet state there by promising a transfer of sovereignty soon to its 60,000 inhabitants.

Having once failed to turn the territory into a Spanish province, "the Spanish authorities have tried to perpetuate their domination by an attempt to create a puppet state in the Sahara, while pretending to adhere to the principle of free determination", Mr Slaoui said. "Spain's behaviour is turning its back on any preparation for a procedure of self-determination."—Reuter.

Our Madrid Correspondent writes: A Moroccan anti-tank mine killed five Spanish soldiers on patrol along the border between Morocco and the Spanish Sahara, according to reports published here today.

The mine apparently planted on a trail running along the Spanish side of the desert border, destroyed a car, killing four of its five occupants instantly. The fifth, a young artillery lieutenant, died on his way to a field hospital.

Shopping

by John Groser

Please take notes, because at the end of the column there will be time out and then a quick quiz. Who are the three figures in the photograph, I hear you ask? Well, that was meant to be question number one and of course, you have all guessed, it is Lord Cardigan (yes, just like Trevor Howard in the film) and friends in an isolated episode from the Charge of the Light Brigade.

The figures are so lifelike and the texture and movement of the porcelain models so breathtaking that I actually gasped when I was shown the pieces by Michael Sutty, their creator, down at The Porcelain Manufactory, The Grange, Knockholt, Kent (Knockholt 2249).

Bone china and terracotta figurines may be an acquired taste, but honestly, this lot are stupendous. Truth to tell, I had never heard of Michael Sutty until Sheila Black mentioned his name to me. That is my loss and not his. For apart from the Light Brigade group—£1,000 and limited to an edition of 500—there is some wonderful stuff to collect.

The pieces are not cheap, but then Michael Sutty believes that art can be an investment as well as a hobby. I want to deal first with the Light Brigade group (because it is very expensive and I like it).

The model was thoroughly researched and the uniforms are based on the originals—which took some time to discover and study. The porcelain figures are set on a mahogany base in which there is a concealed drawer containing the certificate of authenticity and historical details of the charge.

Lord Cardigan, of course, is in front and on his left is depicted the charging figure of Captain Morris of the 17th Lancers (the Regiment commanded by Lord Lucan). Behind Lord Cardigan, Trumpeter Britton blows his bugle—he died in Scutari Hospital some hours later from a sabre wound.

If £1,000 seems a great deal to invest, go to Michael Sutty's London showroom at 17a Ryder Street, St James's, where you can see the piece and judge for yourself.

Should you be the five hundred and first visitor, there are many other pieces, ranging from Alice in Wonderland figures, from £6.25, to the British Heritage Series (Kings but not Queens) from around £100. Some are in limited editions and others are unlimited. All are colourful and each holds its own charm. What is more, my friends in the fine art business say they will hold their prices.

And the last object is the winner, the winner. Animal, vegetable and mineral all rolled into one. We were astounded by the response to our plan-a-picnic competition. There were 168 entries and, if I had my way, 168 hampers would be winging their way to all parts of the country. But sadly (or fortunately if you are a Times shareholder) I do not hold the paper's purse strings.

So, one prize only, as promised. Avocado (in some guise or other), melon balls (do you know, I have never had them) and cucumber soup were the most popular starters. Chicken (well, it may be finger-licking good, but really . . .) and quiches of many varieties came out top of the main course lists.

No one at all suggested a hot main course (see my next column for some splendid stoves to heat-up on) and few people listed black coffee. Some entrants gave menus and did not attempt to set them in evocative prose. Some were evocative and did not give full menus. Some were silly, "take a Chateau Phelan Segur 1961 with you"—and some morbid, "fish from your fish and chip shop is delicious cold if the batter was good in the first place".

After much deliberation we reduced our short list to four finalists. Of these, Julian Nixon of Stratford-on-Avon was in my view the most organized and practical. He costed his menu and suggested that flannels and hand towels, as well as black coffee, be packed in the hamper. In the end we put him in fourth place.

Frances Sainty, of West London, also costed her menu and we liked her entry because she had already done her shopping for a picnic before she read about the competition. She came third.

Second place was awarded to Julia Hamilton Smith of Hampstead for a very simple and inexpensive menu. For her, the company and the naturalness of the picnic were of paramount importance.

The winner is Sheila Crawford of Duns Tew near Oxford. We liked her rejection of all things which "squirt (tomato), drip (peach), melt (butter) or crumble (quiches)". Her highly original menu (which, sadly, was not costed) comprises: *samusas*—yoghurt pastry envelopes filled with a mixture of chopped potato, onion and chilli which have been deep fried until golden, drained and left to cool. These, she says, "are piquant, light, but fairly filling".

They would be followed by *pork chops*—grilled, left to cool and coated on one side with a spread of mustard, grated cheese and cream and browned under the grill. "Cold, the coating and the chop are as one", she declares. With the chops she would suggest *cauliflower bread*—mashed cauliflower, seasoned, with several eggs beaten in and baked in a greased dish or bread tin.

Clafoutis, that sturdy, French pudding, is (as any Frenchman could tell you and as Mrs Crawford clearly knows) perfectly delicious when cold. She describes it as "sweetened Yorkshire pudding with fruit in it". Not very French, I am afraid, but accurate enough.

"In a stream I would float a few bottles of Pouilly Blanc Fumé to drink as a reward for effort and economy", she concludes. Well done, Mrs Crawford. We anxiously await your invitation to join you on the banks of the Cherwell.

The picture, which we loved, was sent in by Pino Barnes of Mousehole (my favourite place in the whole of the country).

Personally, I have never found the feeling of leather next to the skin as entertaining as Mr Sloane. Those of you who are already into leather fun will not need me to tell you about Martin Barnett Ltd, who sell leather furniture. I must say, having visited their showrooms, I find leather altogether more appealing.

The whole Barnett operation is an amazing success story and the danger is that the selling operation might eclipse the compelling quality of the furniture. A leather lounge suite, for around £350, is remarkable value—I have seen pieces of similar quality on sale elsewhere (no names, no pack drill) for as much as £500.

Barnett's new store in Wimbledon opens tomorrow and to celebrate the occasion huge reductions are to be made at all Barnett branches on unit seating in suede or leather. This furniture is subsidized by the Brazilian Government and is sold directly to the consumer. Thus, there is no import duty and no middle-man.

Apart from the Wimbledon branch (at 57, Wimbledon Hill Road), there are three other Barnett outlets in and around London. There are also stores at Bournemouth and at Epsom. The main showroom is at 183-191 Ballards Lane, London, N3 (01-349 2462), from where further information is readily obtainable.

Did you know that you can be fined up to £100 if you fail to observe the Gas Safety Regulations? A leaflet, just published by the National Gas Consumers' Council, reminds consumers of their responsibilities under the Gas Safety Regulations, 1972.

The leaflet explains, for example, that it is an offence to use a gas appliance knowing it to be unsafe—it is no defence to say that you intended to call the gas board tomorrow. A second leaflet explains how the NGCC can help you.

It outlines the work of the council and describes how to go about registering a protest if there is cause to complain about gas in the home. No, marital problems are *not* dealt with!

The leaflets are free, from the NGCC or from regional gas consumers' councils whose addresses as well as the leaflets are available from National Gas Consumers' Council, 130 Jermyn Street, London, SW1Y 4UL (01-930 7431).

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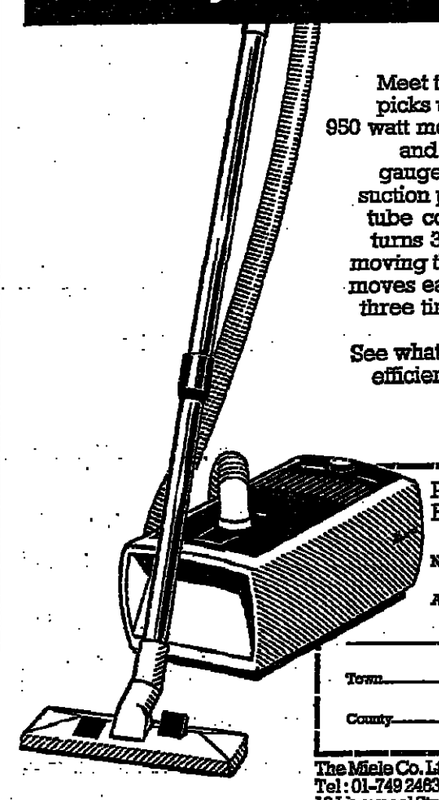

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TRANSLATOR (m/f) with German mother tongue. Dealing with technical translations. Experience necessary. Up to £4,200—Pension and subsidised canteen. RAND 389 3343.

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

ALANGATE Legal Staff. These specialist consultants to the profession offer a confidential service to employers and staff at all levels. Telephone for appointment or write to Mrs. Roinick, Mrs Edwards or Mrs. Harkness. 01-405 7201, at 6 Great Queen St., London, W.C.2 (off Kingsway).

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PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

University of Manchester

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
HOPE HOSPITAL
(University of Manchester School of Medicine)

RESEARCH FELLOW IN GASTROENTEROLOGY

Applications are invited for the post of research fellow to work with Professor L. A. Turnberg in the Department of Medicine at Hope Hospital. The successful applicant, who should be medically qualified and preferably hold a higher qualification, will be involved in research into aspects of intestinal function in health and disease. Salary range p.a.: £3,744-£7,560.

Applications, including a full curriculum vitae and the names of two referees, to

Professor L. A. Turnberg, Department of Medicine, Hope Hospital, Eccles Old Road, Salford M6 8HD.

University of Manchester

RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Applications invited for this post tenable for two years initially as part of an S.S.R.C. project on Competition and *Rural Change in Botswana.* Provision for a year of anthropological fieldwork, with expenses, in a rural village in Botswana and a year in Manchester. Minimum qualification of M.A. in Social Anthropology required. Initial salary p.a.: £1,809-£2,118 plus threshold payments. Superannuation. *Further particulars and application* forms (returnable by July 14th) from the Registrar, The University, Manchester M13 9PL. Quote ref: 144/76/T.

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

University of Cape Town

1. SECOND CHAIR OF CLASSICS
2. LECTURESHIP IN CLASSICS

Applications are invited for the above two posts. Appointment, according to qualifications and experience, will be made on the following salary scales: Professor R10,800x450-12,600x600-R13,800: Lecturer R6,300x360-R9,180 per annum.

Applicants for either post should submit a curriculum vitae, stating teaching and other relevant experience, special *fields of interest and research* work completed or in progress, present salary, and when available if appointed. Names and addresses of three referees should be given.

Memoranda concerning both positions and general conditions of service should be obtained from the Registrar, University of Cape Town, Private Bag, Rondebosch 7700, by whom applications must be received not later than 20th September, 1975.

Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory medical examination. The university reserves the right to appoint a person other than one of the applicants or to make no appointment.

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE seeks Bursar and Secretary To The Council. See Focus on Finance and Accountancy for details.

WIMBLEDON Language Centre requires experienced E.F.L. Tutor, mornings.—Ring Mrs Hyde, 946 3352.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Sierra Leone

FOURAH BAY COLLEGE

Applications are invited for

2 LECTURESHIPS IN BOTANY

Applicants should have a good honours degree and postgraduate research experience preferably in Plant Morphogenesis or Plant Anatomy but applicants in other fields will be considered. The appointee will be expected to assume duties in September, 1975, or as soon as possible thereafter. Teaching duties will include responsibility for advanced courses in their specialist fields and participation in elementary courses in Biology and Botany. Salary *scale*: Le2,910-Le5,430 *p.a.* (£1 sterling equals Le2). The British Expatriates Supplementation Scheme is unlikely to be applied to these appointments. FSSU. Family passages: various allowances: regular overseas leave. Detailed applications (two copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming three referees, should be sent by airmail, not later than 28 July, 1975, to the Secretary, University of Sierra Leone, Private Mail Bag, Freetown, Sierra Leone. Applicants resident in UK should also send one copy to Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained *from either address.*

University College London

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING

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RESEARCH ASSISTANT

required, preferably post-doctorate or equivalent experience, to undertake an investigation into the effects of constructional imperfections on the behaviour of thin concrete shell structures: particularly cooling towers. The work would cover both theoretical and experimental studies and should lead to the formulation of design rules.

Salary according to qualifications and experience within range £3,041—£3,560 p.a. inc. (under review). Applications to be sent to Dr J. G. A. Croll, Dept. of Civil and Municipal Engineering, University College London, Gower St. London, WC1E 6BT, from whom further particulars can be obtained.

University of Hull

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER STUDIES

Applications are invited for the post of LECTURER from October 1st, 1975, or as soon as possible thereafter. It is hoped that the person appointed will have experience of computer applications and of Systems Analysis in a large industrial or commercial organization, and an interest in developing courses, especially at undergraduate level.

The salary will be in the range £2,778 to £6,050 per annum (plus a cost of living increase to be decided).

Applications (six copies) giving details of age, qualifications and experience, together with the names of three referees, should be sent by 14th July, 1975, to the Registrar, The University of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of Keele

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Applications invited for two

DEMONSTRATORSHIPS IN CHEMISTRY

from 1st October, 1975, for one year in first instance, renewable up to total of three years, at a salary of £1,815 per annum (under review). Applicant's should hold a good first degree or equivalent qualification in Chemistry: they will be expected to undertake research work in the Department for a higher degree. Application forms and further particulars from the Registrar, The University, Keele, Staffs. ST5 5BG, to whom completed forms should be returned by 19th July, 1975.

The University of Leeds

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Applications are invited for the post of

TEMPORARY LECTURER

for the 1975-76 academic year. Salary within the range of £2,118 to £2,412 (under review) plus threshold. Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference 36/2/A. Closing date for applications 5 July 1975.

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The position is for an initial period of one year from September, 1975, *and can be extended to three years if results are satisfactory.* It offers an attractive salary (negotiable) and air tickets will be provided to and from Tehran. He will live as a member of the family in well appointed surroundings with full board and a minimum of one month paid annual leave.

In return he will be expected to accept full responsibility for the children's education whilst at school and to help with their studies at home, and ensure their progress.

Applications in own handwriting giving full personal details, 3 referees and home telephone number to:

Box 2864 M, The Times

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Dar es Salaam—Tanzania

Applications are invited for the post of

(a) SENIOR LECTURER

or

(b) *LECTURER IN FUEL* CHEMISTRY

Applicants should have experience in teaching and research in Fuels and Fuel Technology including Coal utilisation. The appointee will be responsible for the teaching and supervision of practical laboratory *work in the field of chemical* composition and physical properties of the main types of fuels to undergraduate and post-graduate students in the Department of Chemistry. The course also includes treatment and storage of fuels, energy conversion by combustion process and atmospheric pollution by combustion production. *Salary scales: Senior Lecturer* T£2,632-T£3,052 p.a.: Lecturer T£2,150-T£2,570 p.a. (T£1 equals £1.18 sterling.) The British Government may supplement salaries in range of £2,130-£2,442 p.a. (sterling) for married appointees or £1,266-£1,494 p.a. (sterling) for single appointees (normally free of all tax) and provide children's education allowances and holiday visit passages. F.S.S.U. Family passages. biennial overseas leave. Detailed applications (2 copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees, should be sent by air mail not later than 23 July, 1975, to the Chief Academic Officer, University of Dar es Salaam, P.O. Box 35091, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Applicants resident in U.K. should also send 1 copy to Inter-University Council, 90-91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

University of Keele

DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH

Applications invited for post of

LECTURER IN FRENCH

commencing 1st October, 1975, or as soon as possible thereafter. Salary on first three points of Lecturers' scale (at present under review). Interest in practical teaching of the language would be an advantage; but consideration will be given to applicants working in any recognised field of French studies. Application forms and further particulars from the Registrar, The University, Keele, Staffs., ST5 5BG, to whom completed forms should be returned by 18th July, 1975.

University of Manchester

TEMPORARY LECTURERS IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for one year posts from candidates with interests in any field of economics. Salary range p.a. (under review): £2,118 to £2,580 plus threshold payments. Further particulars and application forms (returnable by July 10th) from the Registrar, The University, Manchester, M13 9PL. Quote ref.: 143/75/T.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University College London

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

required to join group in Ship Dynamics with particular reference to Directional Stability and Control of Marine Vehicles. The research will be of *experimental and theoretical nature.* Applicants should preferably be of post-doctoral level with appropriate experience in naval architecture, engineering or applied mathematics, but need not have worked directly in this field. One Research Assistant will be seconded to the Admiralty Experiment Works, Haslar and will be expected to undertake some teaching. Appointments will be for two to three years, starting as soon as convenient.

Salary in the range IA of the Research Staff Scales, commencing at £2,412 (under *review* but expected to be a minimum of £3,186 from 1 Oct. 1975) for suitably *qualified applicants, plus London* Allowance (where appropriate) and USS.

Applications should be sent as soon as possible to Dr. A. G. Parkinson, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, University College London, Torrington Place, London, WC1E 7JE.

University of Otago
Dunedin, New Zealand

LECTURER OR SENIOR LECTURER IN PHARMACOLOGY

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned post which has become available in the Department of Pharmacology.

The salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience within the following scales:—

Science Graduate: Lecturer: NZ$7,787—NZ$9,838 per annum: Senior Lecturer: NZ$10,007—NZ$12,743 per annum with a bar at NZ$11,718 per annum.

The appointee would be expected to be involved in the teaching of medical, dental and pharmacy students and also in the research activities of the department.

Further particulars are available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF or from the Registrar of the University.

Applications close on 31 July 1975.

The University of Leeds

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

Applications are invited from Jordanian, Lebanese, Palestinian, or Syrian candidates for a post of

RESEARCH FELLOW

on a two-year programme (to start September/October 1975) into the feasibility of investigating and describing in modern linguistic terms the educated spoken Arabic in use between Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria.

An M.A. or similar qualification in Linguistics is desirable and a thoroughgoing command of English essential. Salary in the region of £2,400 per annum. Membership of U.S.S. Further particulars may be obtained from Professor T. F. Mitchell, Department of Linguistics, The University, Leeds, LS2 9JT.

National Army Museum Sandhurst

Assistant keeper (Arts)

. . . for a new post, in the **Department of Arts**, which will involve responsibility for the Museum's oil paintings and miniatures, sculpture, models, silver, ceramics and other art objects. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to take a leading part in the development of the collection. Duties will include research, arranging temporary and permanent exhibitions, preparing publications, advising students and answering questions about the various art objects. One or two days each week will be spent at the Main Museum, in Chelsea.

Candidates should normally have a degree in a relevant subject and a specialised knowledge of English Art of the 17th to 19th centuries and of the current British art market. A proven interest in and knowledge of military history will be an advantage.

SALARY: As AK, First Class, £4,400-£7,700 or AK, Second Class, £2,395-£3,900. Level of appointment and starting salary according to age, qualifications and experience. Non-contributory pension scheme.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 21 July, 1975) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants. RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 68551 (answering service operates outside office hours) or London 01-839 1992 (24 hour answering service). Please quote ref. G(26)382.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Nigeria
CALABAR CAMPUS

ADVERT. REF.: UNP/SAA/CC/75/1

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for posts of PROFESSORS AND READERS in the following subjects:

FACULTY OF ARTS
English, History, Archaeology, Languages (French, German, Nigerian Languages or Linguistics).

FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Zoology.

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
Economics, Geography, Political Science, Sociology/Anthropology.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION
Education.

Candidates must be distinguished scholars who have made substantial contribution to knowledge through research and scholarly publications and have had adequate university administrative and teaching experience including the direction and supervision of graduate research. They will also be required to show evidence of continuing research. Appointees to the posts of professor will assume administrative responsibility of the respective departments.

SALARY SCALES
Professor: Scale SA 5-6 N8,730-11,025 per annum or N9,819-12,311;
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METHOD OF APPLICATION
TEN copies of typewritten application giving details of educational and professional qualifications, institutions attended with dates, experience showing institutions with dates, nationality, marital status, age and names and addresses of three referees competent to attest to candidate's professional ability, to The Personnel Officer, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, East Central State, Nigeria. Applicants resident in U.K. should also send one copy of their application to the London Representative of the University of Nigeria, 56/60 Hallam Street, London W1N 5LH.

Closing date: 22nd July, 1975.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS
PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Woolwich for declaring redundant the church of St. Philip, being a chapel of ease in the parish of North Lambeth in the diocese of Southwark.

A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at 195 Kennington Road, SE11 6ST.

A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church Commissioners' office.

Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 23 July, 1975.

S. P. OSMOND,
Secretary.

1 Millbank, London, SW1P 3JZ.
Date 25 June, 1975.

THE ROYAL LONDON SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (INC.)

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at 105/9 Salusbury Road, Brondesbury, NW6 6RH, on THURSDAY, 17th JULY, at 3.30 p.m., or immediately following the Council Meeting at 2.30 p.m.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity—PARK HOUSE APPROVED SCHOOL Scheme amending the trust deed dated 10 March 1947. The Charity Commissioners have made an ORDER ESTABLISHING a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies can be obtained by written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1 (quoting ref. no. 2209019 A/1-L1) and may also be seen at that address.

THE MARINE SOCIETY (instituted 1756). Helps poor boys to go to sea. General Court of Governors will be held at the Marine Society Offices, Hanway House, Clark's Place, London, E.C.2, on Tuesday, July 1st 1975 at 3 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL

CITY OF LIMA (THE HONOURABLE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF LIMA)
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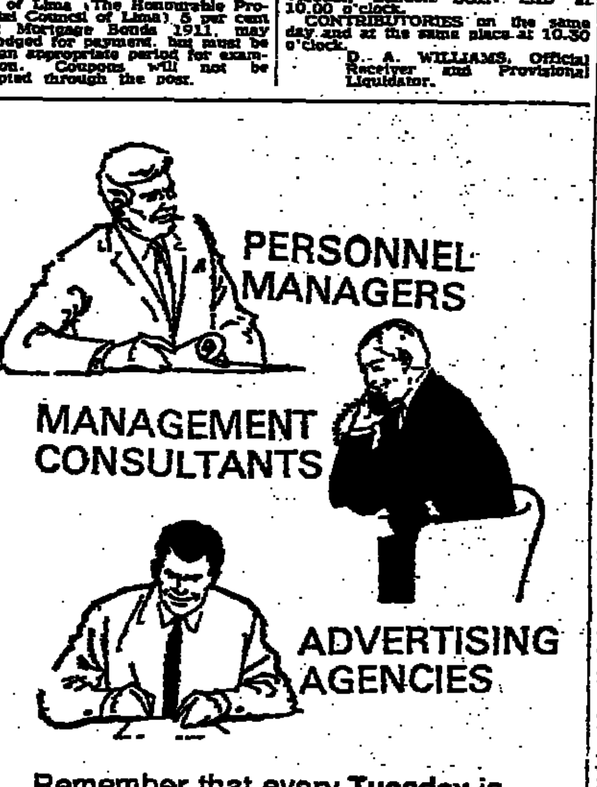
Lloyds Bank International Limited, 40/66 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4P 4EL, announce that coupons due 1st July 1975 of the City of Lima (The Honourable Provincial Council of Lima) 5% First Mortgage Bonds 1911 may be lodged for payment, but must be left an appropriate period for examination. Coupons will not be accepted through the post.



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F. A. GLEADELL,
Company Secretary.

COMPANY NOTICES

THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that a BALANCE of the REGISTER will be STRUCK on Friday, 4th July, 1975, for the preparation of the half-yearly dividend payable on the SECOND PREFERENCE SHARES, for the six months ending 31st July, 1975. The dividend will be paid on 1st August, 1975.

For Transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Lloyds Bank Limited, Registrar's Department, The Causeway, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, Sussex, not later than 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 4th July, 1975.

By Order of the Board,
A. R. HARVEY
Secretary

Shell Centre,
London, SE1 7NA.
26th June, 1975.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002055 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of SLIM MILLER (ENTERTAINMENTS) Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 17th day of June 1975, presented to the said Court by Pound Limited whose registered office is at 3, Clarendon Terrace, Maida Vale, London, W.9 Car Hire Service, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 21st day of July 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

UNDERWOOD & CO., 40, Welbeck Street, London W1M 8LN. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 18th day of July, 1975.

No. 002112 of 1975
In the Matter of ATKINS AND ROSS Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of ATKINS AND ROSS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 23rd day of June 1975 presented to the said Court by Acrow (Engineers) Limited whose registered office is at 8, South Wharf Road, W.2 in the City of Westminster, Engineers, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 28th day of July 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

CLINTONS, 25/58 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in *writing of his intention so to do.* The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 25th day of July 1975.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ASTBERY ENGINEERING Limited. Nature of Business: Construction engineers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 19th May 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 9th July 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of JAGO WINDOW COMPANY Limited. Nature of Business: Manufacturers etc of windows and accessories etc.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 9th June 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 9th July 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of BAIRD (PRODUCE BROKERS) Limited (in Voluntary Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above named Company will be held at the offices of O. Sunderland and Sons, Chartered Accountants of 15, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1BU on Tuesday, the *1st day of July,* 1975 at 11.30 a.m. to be followed at 11.45 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1975.
O. SUNDERLAND, Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of FIRTH MACHINE TOOLS Limited. Nature of Business: Machine tool manufacturers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 9th June 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 9th July 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CLARDEAN MOTORS Limited Nature of Business: Motor garage proprietors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 9th June 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 10th July 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ASTRAL MANAGEMENT Limited. Nature of Business: Property dealing.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 9th June 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 10th July 1975, at Room 239 Templar House 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6NP at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ASSIMILATE Limited. Nature of Business: Printers Brokers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 9th June 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 10th July 1975, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP, at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001858 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of R.S.E. HEATING & PLUMBING SERVICES Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 30th day of May 1975 presented to the said Court by MORGAN & Son Limited whose registered office is situate at London Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, Heating Equipment Distributors, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of July 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

BRABY & WALLER, 2/3, Hind Court, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 11th day of July 1975.

No. 002056 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of B & S DRUG STORE Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 17th day of June, 1975, presented to the said Court by Shulton (Great Britain) Limited whose registered office is at Trevor House, 100 Brompton Road, London, SW3 1EW, Manufacturers of Toiletries, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 21st day of July, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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No 002020 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of NATIONWIDE FILM DISTRIBUTORS Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

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In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division In the Matter of THE TRUST TRUST Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

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Dated the 24th day of June, 1975.

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CURZON MOTOR CO. (LONDON) Limited Nature of Business: Dealers in new and second hand motor vehicles.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 9th June 1975
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 10th July 1975, at Room 239 Templar House 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6NP at 10.00 o'clock.
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L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CHARTFIELD PROPERTIES Limited. Nature of Business: Property Development.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CANPRI Limited. Nature of Business: Bankers.
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WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 9th June 1975.
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A growing need for accountants

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Although the motion was defeated the point is clear that the demand for accountants in Britain is huge and you only have to turn the pages of magazines which cater for the profession to prove the point.

This is despite the fact that there are now approaching 100,000 qualified accountants and that membership of the professional bodies is growing year by year.

The demand for accountants can only continue to grow in an age that has seen the transposition of the accountant from the Bob Cratchit figure of Dickens to the financial technocrat of today.

Specialist appointments in industry and commerce go frequently to accountants these days as the complexity of the tax laws make his services almost indispensible in business decision-making.

The demand is bringing its problems, and there have been calls on the professional bodies to help relieve the shortage by relaxing entry qualification.

Along with actuaries, architects and solicitors, the accountancy bodies have now generally adopted a minimum entry requirement of two GCE A-levels.

Critics of the raising of the entry requirement point out that it discriminates against the man who left school with O-levels only and later wished to enter the profession.

The bodies have also been criticized for their high failure rates and there are those who would like standards to be allowed to fall just enough to increase significantly the numbers of accountants.

There are no indications that the councils of the governing bodies will allow this to happen.

Mr Harry Hill, president of the Association of Certified Accountants, speaks for the profession generally when he defends the raising of entry requirements on the grounds that the accelerating rate of development and increasing complexity of the subject make it essential.

Mr Hill, in a letter to *The Times* wrote: "It is realism rather than exclusivism which has impelled professional bodies to raise their entry standards so that candidates are fairly well grounded before they start on their arduous course."

He told me: "There is a *generic worry about all professions* raising standards and closing doors to worthy talent of the five to six O-level type that used to be acceptable, and providing no scope for late developers."

Mr Hill makes it clear, however, that though he understands anxiety about what he calls the "lemming-like rush towards constricting entry qualifications" there is still room for compromise.

The Association of Certified Accountants has pioneered a sort of "second-tier" of accountancy by creating the Institute of Accounting Staff. This body provides a means of entry into the profession for those without "A" levels, and gives a qualification for the technician level.

Mr Hill says the Institute of Accounting Staff provides an acceptable qualification for the increasing number of jobs that now exist which demand a considerable degree of knowledge and competence but do not require a professional qualification at the higher level.

Though the Institute of Accounting Staff constitutes a qualification in its own right, those who pass its examinations at credit level and want to proceed further are permitted to register as students of the Association of Certified Accountants with the object of completing its professional examination.

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Those interested in careers in accountancy should contact the six professional bodies incorporated by Royal Charter: The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Moorgate Place, London, EC2; The Association of Certified Accountants, Bedford Square, London, WC1; The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland, Queen Street, Edinburgh; The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, Dublin; The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, Portland Place, London, W1; and The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Buckingham Place, London, SW1. An alternative is The Society of Company and Commercial Accountants, Portland Road, Birmingham B16 9HW, which was incorporated in 1974 as an amalgamation of the Institute of Company Accountants, the Society of Commercial Accountants and the Incorporated Association of Cost and Industrial Accountants.

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The text this week, brethren, is about sexual guilt, experimental chemistry, and mass cannibalism, which might promise a poor sermon, but does supply good fiction.

John Updike provides a poetic, erotic tour de force about a peccant Anglican clergyman in the United States. In an orgy of sexual liberation he tumbles a succession of women, whom he saddles as porters for the great caravan of guilt and fading faith that is his baggage. As an alternative to defrocking he is sent for a cure to the desert out West, to a mysterious retreat for errant clerics with ebbing faith or crescent lusts.

In the mornings the inmates type out audits of whatever comes to their minds, mainly confessions of sin and solipsistic introspections. In the afternoons they play golf among the Saguaros; in the evenings drink and play poker. Religion and religious books are taboo. On each seventh day, being a Sunday, the sinner writes a scintillating heretical sermon on such themes as praise of adultery. This unpromising structure of 31 separate documents for the days of a month fits together neatly to construct moving and witty statements about the natures of love, sex, and faith.

The intricate prose, imbricated with word associations, didactic or punning footnotes, Jungian slips, and Down-Dike high jinks lapses occasionally into Pseud's Corner: "Habituation soon assuaged me"; "Trying to worm the harpoon from its lodging in his silvery, idden [sic] underside." But most of the time Updike harpoons the whale's-eye with acute perceptions and superbly inventive language.

The uses of sex in fiction we know. But advanced chemistry does not suggest itself as the most tractable constituent of literature. You would need Donne at his most metaphysically conceited to distil poetry from acetic anhydride or crystallize suspense from $C_{17}H_{19}O_3N$. Except that that chemical formula represents morphine.

Pierre Boulle's professional new adventure story, translated into natural, unFrenchified French by Patricia Wolf, is about a junkie who detoxifies himself and finds a curious moral regeneration by becoming the whizz kid of the most ambitious drugs ring in the world. The book is occasionally selfconsciously didactic, using expository dialogue to explain the mysteries of extracting a whiter snow than the whitest made by King Cesari of Marseilles; or to describe the botany of the poppy harvest in the golden triangle in the Shan States of Burma. But it is sharp and ugly as a needle, and psychologically persuasive about the hell of inadequacy that drives men to inject themselves with artificial dreams.

If chemistry sounds at first intractable matter for fiction, universal cannibalism seems even stronger meat. The end product that Barry Norman is on about is human sausages and steaks. His horrifying parable about racialism is set in the future after the great Negro Wars have allegedly exterminated all blacks.

Ape-like bipeds called ediblacks provide an inexhaustible supply of delicious food for the starving world. They are bred and fattened in factory farms, pacified by lobotomy at birth, and then butchered, canned, frozen, and eaten with Sauce Bernaise. The imperfectly pacified are turned out to free range and shot for sport on safari.

The blow-by-blow descriptions of succulent, juicy meat-eating are enough to turn a nervous eater vegetarian for life; and even then he will wince as he slices his tomato. One pig-headed white girl dares to propound the ultimate treason that ediblacks are people, and that eating people is wrong. Such macabre allegory is, of course, absurdly farfetched; though Swift used the same theme to the same powerful effect in his *Modest Proposal*.

But consider, brethren, whether it may not have a relevant message for a generation that has seen whole races declassified from savages, to subhumans, to un-humans, to animals for the gas oven; though not yet, mercifully, to edible animals generally eaten without a second thought. Swallow twice, and pass the nut cutlets.

Philip Howard

Paperbacks

Thomas Mann

Why has the reading public in England always been so indifferent towards Thomas Mann? There are excellent translations of all his major works by Helen T. Lowe Porter who dedicated the labour of a lifetime to an extremely difficult task and succeeded brilliantly, even in the rather intricate parts and the "mannerisms" of the Magic Mountain or the Joseph novels. But it was not a British publisher who introduced him to the English-speaking world. Martin Secker had to buy the rights from Alfred Knopf in New York.

Was the indifference mutual? Mann travelled widely, but he did not come to London until nearly 50 and close to the Nobel prize. Afterwards he returned on three or four occasions to change planes while going to the United States or to collect honorary degrees in Oxbridge. He loved the great English novelists, and got to know quite a lot about modern English literature. W. H. Auden was for a while his son-in-law. But he never wrote essays about Dickens or Thackeray in the way he summed up the Russians. Even after his emigration to California he felt more at ease in French than in English. Although he sent messages to be broadcast during the BBC's anti-Nazi campaign, it never occurred to him to settle in London instead of Los Angeles.

I wonder whether Thomas Mann just lacked the good fortune to have one or two people in Britain promoting his work with vigour and conviction. German twentieth-century drama had that person in Martin Esslin, without whom Brecht and even Wedekind or Sternheim, would never have been performed so often. It is therefore with pleasure that one takes up the three volumes which Penguin Modern Classics add to their edition of Mann to celebrate the centenary of his birth. Should you hesitate to tackle the more lengthy novels **Buddenbrooks** (£1) and **Royal Highness** (80p), start with one of the short stories in the third volume, **Mario and the Magician** (80p). It opens as a lightweight holiday episode in the Mediterranean, but turns into a symbol of political menace, the two title figures representing the Italian people and Fascism.

Questioning the realness of reality, as he does in the other stories of the volume, notably in the "Transposed Heads" and "The Black Swan" is what makes Thomas Mann a truly "modern classic", worthwhile discovering, even if—or because—he does not lend himself to the nostalgic escapisms of, say, the youth, "drug" and orient-cult of the Anglo-American Hermann Hesse revival.

Karl-Heinz Wocker

Elizabeth Jane Howard

I always enjoy Elizabeth Jane Howard's novels. She seems to me a most admirable story-teller (an essential) with an easy English style (not as usual as one might expect) and that extra something which is instantly recognizable as her signature, like the name right through the stick of rock.

Three of the novels come of Penguin, in chronological order, **The Sea Change** (1959—80p), **After Julius** (1965) and **Odd Girl Out** (1972), both 75p. All are concerned with the subtle shifts, checks and balances in the relationships between a small group of people: all are deeply concerned with love, in its various forms; and all have more than a touch of the melancholy, almost the tragic sense, that strikes at the heart—no one, after all, *really* expects to live happily ever after.

The Sea Change has four protagonists—Emmanuel, a celebrated playwright in his sixties, his invalid wife Lilian, Jimmy, his personal assistant, and Alberta, his new secretary—young, fresh, innocent, but near to being the wisest of the four. Each character tells the story in turn, a favourite method of this writer, in that **After Julius** shares this characteristic—this time it is Esme, and her two daughters Cressida and Emma who form the group. The conflict comes over one weekend, with the interruption of their lives by Felix, Esme's former lover, who is much younger than she, and who falls deeply in love with Cressida, and by Daniel, a poet from a totally different background and upbringing.

Odd Girl Out is, at first glance, about Arabella, rich, young, attractive, who destroys whoever she encounters, in this case a rather smugly married pair who (separately) fall in love with her, and she with them. By the end, our sympathies are with Arabella, a waif in spite of her wealth, deprived by circumstances of that warmth and love that most people claim without thinking as their birthright.

Minor pleasures in Elizabeth Jane Howard's books are found in the delicious meals, entertaining conversation, and some remarkable cats—Ariadne in **Odd Girl Out** being only one in a line of memorable and lifelike portraits.

Philippa Toomey

Francis King

It is good to have four of Francis King's novels in new Arrow paperbacks. Mr King is one of the most accomplished craftsmen now writing fiction, and seems to be getting better and better. The first of these novels originally came out in 1946, and the latest in 1970, but there are certain themes and situations recur. The central characters are isolated both sexually and culturally: they make attempts to cross barriers of sex, nationality, convention, which it is desirable and ultimately impossible to cross. In all four the solitary character's need for love, combined with an imperfect understanding of, or control over, his or her own sexual nature, produces an exercise of more or less destructive power. In all four these damaged and damaging people have a kind of irreducible dignity which is beyond moral judgment.

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In **The Waves behind the Boat** (1967—50p) some rich and useless Russians in Japan play, brother and sister together, games with their own sexual identities and those of the English female narrator, repelled and fascinated by them—a sinister tale, less tragic, less comic than the other three. **A Domestic Animal** (1970—55p) is a brilliant, intensely moving account of the passion and jealousy inspired in a middle-aged homosexual English novelist by his accidental lodger, a beautiful, aggressive heterosexual Italian philosopher.

Mr King writes of terrible passions with a precision and dryness which makes it possible to come to grips with them. In three at least of the novels the inner solitude which causes the pain also saves the characters from final disintegration. If his early work sometimes conveys an impression of mandarin dissection, his later books, including **A Domestic Animal**, without losing precision, or fineness of writing, have a directness, an absence of overt contrivance, which make them both more moving and artistically more powerful.

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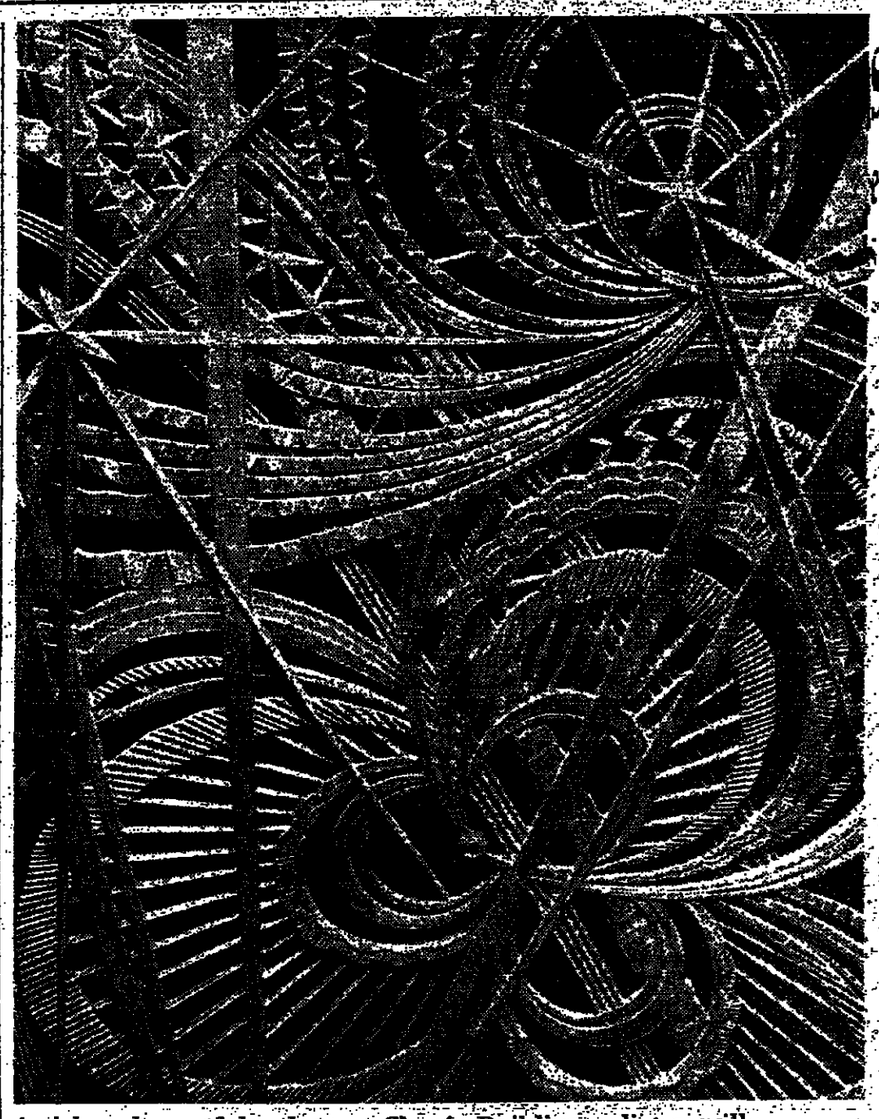

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Skyscraper Style
Art Deco New York
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Art Deco Architecture in New York
By Don Vlack
Photographs by Ralph Appelbaum
(Harper & Row, £7.50)

"Good God!" cried a reluctant Le Corbusier arriving in New York, "What disorder, what impetuosity! What perfection already, what promises! . . . It is sublime and atrocious."

It is indeed, and more truly the first—in its original Gothick sense—than the second. There is no better place than dizzying Gotham for a metropolitan holiday, but by the side of Paris and London, its only peers, the spectacular and ever-shifting visions of New York are documented with a maddening lack of information and judgment. For greatly adding to our stock of information, therefore (we'll come to their judgment in a minute), both *Skyscraper Style* and *Art Deco Architecture in New York* are to be welcomed. Both are too sketchy, and confined to the period between the wars, but the photographs are more instructive than the texts, particularly in *Skyscraper Style* where they are taken in the clear, hard sunlight essential for displaying exuberant facades and bizarre textures often too high to be properly appreciated by any other means.

This is the better book, though Don Vlack covers a wider field. The best general account of the city's face, and essential for any trip, remains Dore Ashton's *New York* (1972), in Thames and Hudson's World Cultural Guides Series (£3.25); but to read Miss Ashton, who holds clear views as to what is good and what is bad, alongside these two books, which do not, is to realize the huge and nervous uncertainties of context and taste surrounding the whole subject of buildings, and the people who use them, in New York. Terms of reference were never so elusive.

It is by no means clear—even after reading both books and enjoying the ornamental splendours of the Barclay-Vesey, Chrysler, Chanin, Film Center, Barbizon-Plaza and other buildings therein—precisely what "Art Deco Architecture" is, or whether it was ever an architectural, as distinct from a decorative, style, at all. It was calculatedly parasitical, for one thing, shopping around for big clients who wished to dazzle by their demonstrated and assimilable Modernity. Cervin Robinson, Rosemarie Haag Bletter and Mr Vlack agree at least on its major component parts—Cubism, the Viennese Secession, German and Dutch Expressionism, Futurism, the zoning laws and the movies—and on the term of its prosperity: the Art Deco style dominated the buildings of New York from around 1922-23 (two years *before* the Paris exhibition from which it draws its highly unsatisfactory name) until 1940, with a peak of building activity between 1927 and 1932.

Decoratively, it covered every kind of building in the city (Mr Vlack provides the fuller check list, and both books have basic maps) and it is misleading to call it Skyscraper Style: skyscrapers were rooted in Manhattan's granite, under the influence of Louis Sullivan and the Chicago School, well before the First World War, while since the Second, they have been transformed by the refining, later much bastardized, influence of Mies van der Rohe and his fellows in the so-called International Style. Both architectural historians, Mr Robinson and Miss Bletter, define Art Deco architecture somewhat negatively, as the antithesis and eventual victim of International Style. Mr Vlack is an artist and feels more intuitively that, while the severity of Bauhaus principles precluded the kind of ziggety-zaggery beloved by Art Deco designers—sunbursts, gladioli, peacocks, lightning, streamlines of communication and frozen fountains—there was plenty of traffic the other way.

Apocalyptic and infatuated with Progress, but measurably domestic, too. In recent years, the stampede at the top of Sixth Avenue to emulate Saarinen's CBS Building (1965) has produced precisely the kind of dehumanizing canyon New York achitects had successfully striven to avoid ever since 1900 and replaced the clever street-level "scenery" of the Twenties and Thirties—colored tiling, chromium doorways, brass grills, sassy lettering and "woven" brickwork—with cold little gardens facing East and witty fountains which cannot play because of the prevailing wind. Contrast what Mr Robinson calls the "rich and eventful welcome" offered arriving employees in the Chanin Building (1927-30), where, at the start and the end of the day, human note is, albeit somewhat theatrically, struck. There was nothing incongruous about somewhat theatrical humanity in the city of Mr Ziegfeld and Billy Rose.

Indeed the two most important and interesting things about the Art Deco movement in New York to emerge from these two books—given its one hundred per cent. commercialism—are that it raps, to this day, the indigenous Romantic spirit of the city and that it was a genuine attempt to discover a acceptable form of modern art. It was enjoyed. When the richly decorated Barclay-Vesey Building opened in 1923, Lewis Mumford, no less, wrote that the main hall . . . is as gaily lighted and decorated as a village street in a strawberry festival". The fact that it does not, at least today, suggest any such thing, is not the point: it was a popular and appealing idea that it should. Marie Antoinette had her dairy. Big cities need small dreams.

And large ones, too. "It must be tall", wrote Sullivan in *The Tall Office Building Artistically Considered* (1896), "every inch of it tall. The force and power of altitude must be in it, the glory and pride of exaltation must be in it. It must be every inch a proud and soaring thing". After the Crash in 1929 buildings like the Empire State and Rockefeller Center, became rather unexpectedly, the more focus of a collective determination not only to survive, but to do it with style.

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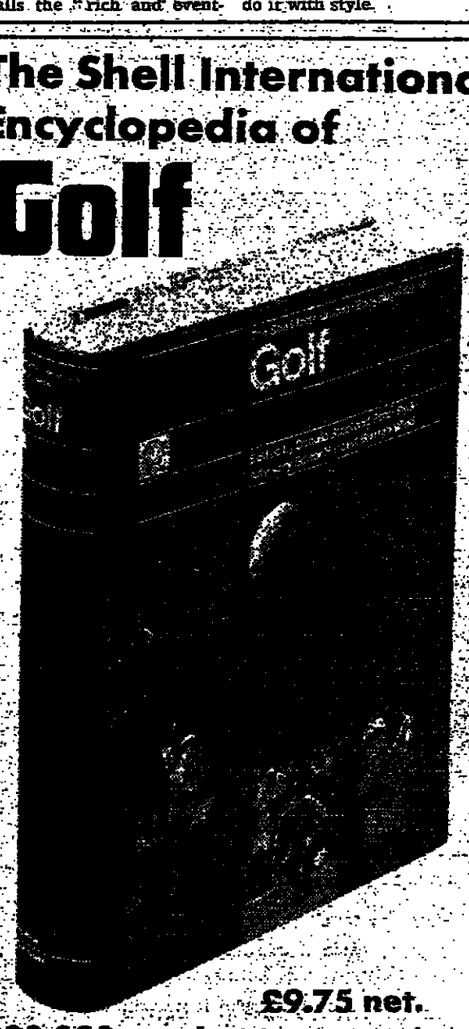

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insurance industry ed the 1973 Insur- Companies (Amend- Act, later consoli- dated into the Insurance Companies Act—which can broadly be described as dealing with the solvency of individual insurance companies —in the wake of the defects in the system exposed by the Vehicle and General affair.

But the industry has rejected, to a large extent, the fundamental approach behind the Policy-holders Protection Bill, which also emanates from the old V & G situation despite the "timely" collapse and near collapse of several life offices last year because of mis-matched guaranteed income bonds.

There was, however, a certain inevitability about the Policy-holders Protection Bill which the insurance industry should have scented. There is a growing social and political tide running in favour of the consumer which was evident even before the collapse of V & G. Yet there was nobody in the insurance industry prepared then to jump on to the consumer bandwagon and come to the rescue of those policy-holders of the failed company, who lost money in the shape of unexpired premiums or, worse, through claims against which they were no longer insured.

When the British Insurance Association, which beforehand had lauded the virtues of insuring with a BIA member—as V & G was—failed to come up with a rescue scheme for policy-holders, it was a foregone *conclusion that a government*, of whatever colour, would have to do so. By 1974, when the repercussions of the guaranteed income bond situation began to reverberate throughout industry, there was a belated recognition of what the alternative to a voluntary rescue fund would be.

Throughout last year there were a series of insurance company rescues of smaller life offices. But too frequently it was the same companies over and over again who were the active members of the rescue consortia. Some companies refused to bear any part of the financial burden involved. It is doubtful whether the industry *would have been permitted* to run a voluntary rescue plan, but without a 100 per cent. support from the industry for such a scheme, a statutorily imposed formula became inevitable.

The substance of the Policy-holders Protection Bill is that a levy of not more than 1 per cent of premium income should be raised by all insurers to help to meet obligations to policy-holders in the event of the failure of a company. The proposal is that all compulsory insurances should be covered up to 100 per cent with a 10 per cent reduction in payment or benefits for all other classes of policy-holders.

So far, so good and even the stiffest of the mutual offices, particularly those north of the Border, accept this, even though they may object to it in principle. What caused objection, however, was the by now notorious clause 16 of the Bill, which appeared to indicate that not only would policy-holders be bailed out, but the rescue operation could extend to shareholders. Nearly as much antagonism was directed to clause 14, which gave the Secretary of State for Trade powers to intervene and direct the proposed Policy-holders Protection Board, to be set up with a majority from the insurance industry.

In the event, clause 14, giving the Government *power to override the decisions* of the Policy-holders Protection Board, has been dropped altogether. Clause 16 was defeated by an Opposition amendment in the committee stage. It is expected that some form of compromise will be reached on this clause too.

The most widely held view is that rather than rescuing companies "at risk" before they actually collapse, the amended clause 16 will permit the Policy-holders Protection Board to act only after the company in difficulties has gone into a form of provisional liquidation.

Against this background, the insurance industry and the Government are now able to shelve their differences and work in close co-operation on a number of other issues, notably the regulations covering various aspects of the insurance industry for which powers were granted under the original 1973 Insurance Companies Act. Regulations about the valuation of liabilities and assets (an extension to existing regulations) are perhaps the most important aspects still under consideration.

For the time being it seems as though the insurance industry can forget Mr Benn's proposed strategy of diverting insurance funds *into selected industries* and concentrate on its own job of looking after the policy-holders.

Charles Trusler

Guessing the cost of inflation

by John Gaselee

Inflation has hit both insurers and their policy-holders very hard indeed. For insurers, there is the difficulty of charging a fixed price in advance—without knowing what the ultimate cost may be.

In motor insurance, for instance, the position has *been serious, with* insurers having to try to guess at the increase in the cost of claims which can be expected over a period of up to two years or so. More frequent premium adjustments are being introduced than in the past. But it is still necessary for insurers to try to estimate the rate of inflation for a fairly long period ahead.

Liability insurers are in a particularly difficult situation, since it may be an appreciable number of years before a claim is settled after an accident. The cost of the claim can be expected to escalate at a much faster pace than the income that can be earned *from the invested premium*. Reserves put to one side for outstanding claims often have to be increased, as it transpires that the original estimate of the cost is increasing because of inflation.

For many classes of insurance, the premium is calculated as a percentage rate of the sum insured. Here, provided the sum insured keeps pace with inflation, there are not the same problems for insurers. But insured values do not always keep pace. For instance, values for the hulls of many ships have been reduced while the cost of repairs has increased dramatically over the past few years.

To cater for that, underwriters have had to increase the rate of premium charged—although competition has prevented them from charging as much as they have felt necessary, bearing in mind that some repairs may be deferred for years after a casualty.

Higher sums insured and premiums resulting from inflation mean that, automatically, insurers need larger reserves to meet future contingencies and to maintain their solvency margins. That, of course, is one of the reasons for the rights issues which a number of major insurers have been making. In generally poor underwriting conditions it has not been possible to generate sufficient additional reserves, and thus insurers have had to call on shareholders for increased capital.

For most property insurances, premiums are calculated as a percentage of the sum insured. Here, insurers are anxious that insured values should keep pace with replacement values, so that they receive the premium to which they are entitled. Most commercial and industrial policies contain a penalty clause, known as the pro rata condition of average. Effectively, in the event of under-insurance, the amount of any claim, however small, is scaled down in the same proportion as the under-insurance.

Private householders in general have not increased sums insured in line with the rise in building costs. For many houses, the replacement cost is greater than the market value, despite the fact that the latter includes the value of the site.

For household insurances, some companies have introduced index-linked insurances, whereby a sum insured is automatically increased in line with a suitable index. In this way, provided the policy-holder chooses the right sum insured at the outset, he should not find himself under insured. Normally, increases in the sum insured during the year of insurance are made free of charge, with the policy-holder paying his renewal premium on the up-dated value at the time.

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Share prices show public confidence

by Anthony Rowley

Insurance company shares are in demand on the Stock Exchange, a certain sign that the stock market believes the worst of the industry's recent severe difficulties to be over and that it is safe for share ratings to discount improved future prospects.

The insurance industry would not disagree with this analysis, although it would point to some shoals still ahead. Compared to the ugly rocks round which it had to navigate in 1974 and on which one or two companies foundered, the future does look like plain sailing.

Probably the shakeout in the past year will prove to have been salutory for the industry, but it provided some nasty moments even for the biggest companies. Perhaps the worst of these was towards the end of last year when the stock market was plumbing new depths and composite insurance com*panies' margins of solvency* were sinking dangerously with it.

The solvency margin measures the ratio between premiums written and a company's capital and reserves. The stock market falls in London and on Wall Street, where most of the seven major United Kingdom composites have large investments, brought the average margin down from a typical 60 per cent several years ago to below 20 per cent. At this point it began to get dangerously near the legal minima laid down by the Department of Trade and rumours of a leading company's impending collapse bred on the stock market's nervousness.

A vicious circle developed whereby the insurance companies (the quote: "proprietory" ones with shareholders, that is, rather than the "mutuals" owned by their policyholders) were unable to make rights issue to improve their solvency margins because of their poor market rating and yet were unable to improve that rating without raising new funds.

The problem was exacerbated by the fact that most of the leading composite groups—as distinct from the life offices which deal almost solely in life business—were making underwriting losses and were relying on investment income to keep them in profit. Profits were nevertheless severely reduced thus denying the companies another source of reserve building.

In turn the reason why companies were making underwriting losses was largely because many of them—though notably the Royal Insurance Group and the Commercial Union—were heavily into the United States market where generally the experience has proved little short of disastrous for insurers. A combination of intensive competition, prompted by past profitability and leading to vicious rate cutting, and political restraint on premium levels, as well as high court awards to liability insurance claimants, was behind the United States situation.

There was a public rush to surrender so-called single premium policies from which tax concessions had been withdrawn in the 1974 Budget. Some companies simply found their assets were so diminished by the general fall in the value of equities, gilt edged securities and property that they could not meet this sudden cash call upon them.

About the middle of the year, Nation Life, an offshoot of the now failed Stern property and financial group, went into liquidation leaving many of its policyholders unprotected, although a proportion of them were shortly afterwards offered alternative policies through brokers who had originally placed them with Nation Life. Several of the leading insurance companies have *since contributed* to a partial rescue scheme for the remainder.

Nation Life, however, became something of a *cause célèbre* which spurred on if *not originated, the Policy*holders Protection Bill. Later in the year the Jessel Group offshoot, London Indemnity & General Insurance, went into liquidation—a rescue operation is still being considered—and Welfare Insurance had to be taken under the wing of London and Manchester Assurance.

An industry which is accustomed to dealing with other people's disasters looked uncomfortably close to disaster itself—the full horror of United States insurance company losses were beginning to be rumoured too—but, suddenly, things changed.

Just what it was that started the stock market rise in London in January—a rise which has continued steadily since and which has been paralleled by the rise on Wall Street—is not altogether certain. But it was almost certainly due in part to the decision of a number of major institutional investors, among which insurance companies were prominent, to inject some cash back into the market.

Solvency margins were quickly on the mend again and by March 31, the end of the financial year for most of the composite insurance groups, they had climbed back to about the 40 per cent level. Seizing their chance to consolidate success, the insurance companies began to pour into the market for rights issues to strengthen further their capital base. To date nearly £200m is being raised — £152m by the composite groups and £46m by the Prudential Assurance Company, biggest of the British life offices.

These issues coincided with the eagerness of United Kingdom investors to hedge against sterling risks by buying the shares of *companies with large over*seas assets and recovery potential. Insurance companies neatly fitted this bill. However, there is more to the current spate of insurance company rights issues than meets the eye at first.

Onerous new regulations are being introduced by the Department of Trade, which will demand that insurance companies have a broader spread of assets to match their liabilities. Although designed in part to prevent the collapse of more peripheral companies, these regulations will weigh heavily even on the biggest offices. Broadly speaking they will mean that companies are allowed to include only part of an asset, *such as a portfolio investment* or a property, in the balance-sheet. The remainder of the particular asset will be there as a reserve.

In sum this means companies will need more assets and raising new capital through the stock market, while conditions are ripe for rights issues, is one way of providing them. Though not yet promulgated, the new regulations are expected to be in operation by next year.

One feature of the insurance market which puzzles some people is that the life offices did not seem unduly worried by the large drop in their asset values (stock market securities mainly) last year. Periodic fluctuations in the capital value of these assets do not matter too much, however, provided that they are producing enough income to meet annual liabilities. Moreover a fall in asset values last year was matched by a fall in the discounted value of future liabilities.

In the third main sector of United Kingdom insurance, the Lloyd's market 1974 was not the grim year that it proved in the corporate sector. In part this was because the three-year delay in closing accounts on the marine and aviation insurance side meant that previous years' good results were still showing through.

For the numerous firms of Lloyd's brokers, satisfactory 1974 results also reflected the limited risk nature of the broking business where commission is taken regardless of the underwriting result. However, many of the broking firms have underwriting interests and they also act as agents for Lloyd's syndicates.

To the credit of Lloyd's syndicates, many of them declined to write business in the American market when competition and rate cutting was at its most cut-throat level. For this reason they avoided some of the losses experienced by the United Kingdom composites and the trend of United States business away from the Lloyd's market is now being reversed.

While United States insurance groups are pulling out of certain states and lines, in order to minimize their losses and to safeguard their solvency. Lloyd's brokers are bringing much of the business back to the London market, at much improved premium rates. More than a trickle already, the flow is expected to become a flood by the latter part of this year.

When the domestic market in the United States cannot or will not, write certain risks the business can be declared "surplus line" and brought back to London where premium rates are free from political controls and can realistically reflect the impact of inflation on claims and expenses.

The flowback to Lloyd's in 1975 will not be reflected in invisible export figures for some time yet. In 1973, from the latest figures available, Lloyd's market contributed about two fifths of the £372m which British insurance earned by way of invisible exports. Another two fifths was accounted for by insurance companies and the remaining fifth brokers. The £372m represented 53 per cent of Britain's total invisible earnings in 1973.

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Brokers need to mend their ways

by Margaret Stone

It will take a long time for the dust to settle on the Nation Life affair and before the reverberations it has created in the insurance world are stilled. Although the Policyholders Protection Bill is the first example it is also quite likely that Nation Life has concentrated the mind of Government and the industry alike on the role of insurance intermediaries : the brokers and other agents.

The Secretary of State for Trade has let it be known that his department is ready to begin looking at this subject; it is about time too, considering that the Government has had power to issue regulations concerning both insurance sales methods and intermediaries since the 1973 Insurance Companies Amendment Act. At this stage, however, it is too soon to say when the Government will be in a position to reveal its thinking.

What is clear, though, is that ultimately action of some kind or another will be taken to control the operations of insurance brokers. The big question is whether the controls will be statutorily imposed or whether the insurance broking fraternity will be allowed to be self-regulating. Needless to say, brokers to a man believe that self-regulation is not only desirable but is practicable as well.

The insurers, who provide the goods and services, for the brokers to sell, are less convinced. Subscribing to the mainstream of City thought, insurers instinctively prefer self-regulation. But they are not very confident that self-regulation of the broking fraternity will suffice and would thus tend to support statutory control of brokers and their sales methods.

Part of the problem lies in the great diversity among brokers and among the several bodies that represent them. An insurance broking firm can range in size from public companies which handle business running into millions of pounds and which operate internationally, down to the back street one-man broking firm selling a few motor policies.

The brokers selling life and pensions business equally divide between the large and small, and their requirements are different again from brokers writing non-life business. Including the association of Lloyd's brokers, there are four organizations representing brokers which have hitherto failed to come to any wide agreement.

The Corporation of Insurance Brokers (CIB), with members from over 14,000 broking units generally regarded as the most senior of the organizations, has been asked by the Government to submit its views on how brokers should be regulated. This document has not been made public, but the CIB's views on this subject have been kept a secret in the past.

The three cornerstones are strict solvency requirements for member firms, academic qualifications and professional indemnity cover. In addition, the CIB subscribes to the idea of a code of practice for brokers.

Given the diversity of the various roles of brokers, it is considered that it might not be necessary to insist upon all broking organizations being welded into one unit ; it could be that each could be developed to provide a particular framework for certain kinds of brokers.

Outside the broking industry, the attitudes towards brokers are rather more critical. There is a widespread feeling that more discipline is required in the broking world and that anything, including government regulations, is better than the "present jungle"—in the words of a leading insurer.

What the insurance industry would like to see most is a system of licensing of individual brokers — at the moment anyone can declare himself a broker and set up shop—and for details of commissions to be disclosed to clients.

Certainly the decision of the Life Offices Association to revise the commission structure has part of its origin in the need to prevent life brokers from becoming too commission-conscious in weighing up the merits of one kind of policy against another.

The existing structure does tend to favour certain kinds of business more than others, which could result in the wrong kind of policy being sold. Brokers always contradict the allegation that the level of commission could influence them, and in the majority of cases it will not. Inevitably, the system has its pitfalls and anything to improve it should be welcomed.

The final point regarding the regulation of brokers is whether or not they should be included in rescue operations for policy-holders in failed companies which they have recommended.

In the past ad hoc payments by brokers have been made. But more insurers, unhappy with the provisions of the Policy-holders Protection Bill, are beginning to argue that some of the proposed rescue costs could well be borne by brokers. The latter would be much more directly involved in the situation than any policyholder in a perfectly sound insurance company currently destined to foot the bill—would be.

Feared tax is good news here

by John Gaselee

Over the past few years, the life assurance industry has received several knocks from the Government. Now, the introduction of capital transfer tax is a real shot in the arm for it, since the new tax should result in an increased sale of regular premium policies.

While plenty of life assurance policies were arranged in connexion with the mitigation of estate duty, there was the loophole that it was possible to transfer assets to the next generation without incurring any tax. Provided they were given away, and the donor lived for seven years, no duty was chargeable. Life assurance could be arranged on the life of the donor, to meet the estimated duty if he should not survive for the seven-year period after making the gift, but that was fairly cheap-term assurance, with no investment element.

Apart from the normal exemptions, there is almost no way of avoiding capital transfer tax, whether in respect of a lifetime gift or for assets passing at death. The tax, therefore, must be funded, and life assurance represents one of the best ways of building up a fund which, in itself, will not be subject to capital transfer tax when the life assured makes a lifetime gift or his assets pass at death.

In the future, much more cover is likely to be arranged on the lives of women. Previously, most families thought that it was only the husband who needed this type of protection. But, since assets passing between husband and wife (and vice versa) during their lifetimes, or at the first death, are free from capital transfer tax, many husbands would be well advised to transfer a substantial proportion of them in the near future.

This will reduce the overall incidence of capital transfer tax on assets passing to the next generation. Also, it will mean that wives can use the same procedures as their husbands to take advantage of the exemptions and to build up a fund to meet the tax which will be payable in the future.

There are three main ways in which life assurance can help so far as capital transfer tax is concerned. First, substantial lump sum gifts to children should be avoided in the future. A parent should not give a son or daughter a large amount of capital when he or she comes of age, or needs to buy a house or flat. Unless the gift is in consideration of marriage (for which there is a £5,000 exemption), only the normal annual exemption of £1,000 will apply. Anything in excess of those exemptions will be chargeable for capital transfer tax, although the first £15,000 of transfers is at a zero rate.

Rather than make a lump sum gift it is better to pay regular premiums to a trust policy arranged for the benefit of a child, so that it will mature, or can be cashed in for a guaranteed figure as well as bonuses, at the appropriate time. Provided that the premiums are paid from income, and count as normal expenditure, there will be no capital transfer tax payable on them.

The customary relief of income tax (now 17.5 per cent) can be claimed for premiums. The life office will pay tax at no more than 37.5 per cent on its investment income, and there should be no tax to pay on policy proceeds. It is important, however, that the policy should be arranged to run for not less than 10 years.

That method can avoid capital transfer tax being paid on a gift in the future. It does not, however, take any account of the chargeable transfers of assets which are bound to occur, either during the donor's lifetime or at death.

To some extent, that problem can be tackled by husband or wife arranging policies on their own lives on a trust basis in favour of the children. If parents intend to transfer assets to their children during their lifetime, a profit-sharing policy can be arranged to run until the age of 64, with the right to cash it in at any time after the first 10 years for a guaranteed figure, as well as bonuses declared to date.

If a number of identical policies are arranged, rather than one large one, one or more policies can be surrendered as and when capital transfer tax (and, perhaps, capital gains tax) is payable on lifetime gifts. In the event of death, the sum assured, plus bonuses, will be paid.

Bearing in mind that the rate of capital transfer tax is higher for assets passing at death (or where death occurs within three years of a lifetime gift), it could be sensible to have term assurance as a form of "top up". This is fairly cheap, since it pays out only in the event of death occurring while the policy is in force.

Whether husband or wife is the first to die, it is unlikely that all of his or her assets will be left to the next generation. Some, such as the share in the house, will be left to the surviving spouse. As a result, almost certainly, the assets passing to the next generation at the second death will be greater than at the first death.

Thus there will be a higher charge to capital transfer tax at that time. One way of meeting this extra capital transfer tax is for a further policy to be written on a trust basis for the children.

It should be a whole life policy on the joint lives of husband and wife, with the sum assured, as well as bonuses, payable on the second death. The attraction of this arrangement is that the policy pays out when it is needed, irrespective of whether husband or wife is the first to die.

Guessing cost of inflation

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Since this is one way in which insurers can try to make sure that premiums keep pace with inflation, more index-linked policies are likely to be introduced.

For large industrial and commercial buildings, there is the problem that reinstatement after a total loss or major partial loss could take years to complete. Clearly, building costs could escalate during that period. Schemes are being introduced so as to provide the cover which is needed, without policy-holders having to pay more premium than is considered equitable in the light of the increase in reinstatement costs.

On the life side, whereas investment type policies have given good value for money over the years, profit-sharing policies are not keeping pace with inflation. In other words, premiums paid to theoretically the best policies on the market are not retaining their purchasing power.

Life offices point out that the value of their policies cannot keep pace with inflation if there is no suitable investment vehicle for the investment of premiums.

In some quarters, it is felt that some of the problems associated with inflation can be solved satisfactorily only if investments are made available which are linked to the cost of living. While that may sound an obvious solution, there is no doubt that it would be a very serious step to take.

A few offices are working on a modest scale on the lines of an index-linked fund. The difficulty lies in finding people willing to borrow on index-linked terms when they would be so much higher than normal market interest rates.

So far, the Government is only experimenting with index-linked savings in the field of Save As You Earn and investments of up to £500 by pensioners. It is difficult to forecast the repercussions if index-linked investments were to be made available on a massive scale, so that insurance companies and others could invest in that way.

In the main, life offices have been offering help to their policyholders mainly by charging a modest extra premium to allow them to arrange further life assurance in the future irrespective of their state of health at the time. Generally, this arrangement provides no guarantee of the premium that will be charged for the extra cover. It is simply the rate current at the time for a "first class life". In no way does this arrangement protect the purchasing power of the premiums already paid. It simply means that the life cover can be topped up so as to make some allowance for the way in which the original figure has been eroded by inflation.

There is no reason why straight life cover should not be linked to the cost of living. Here, however, either premiums at the outset will be higher than for level cover, or they will increase at a faster pace than the cost of living. This type of inflation proofing has been introduced. Where a regular income is to be paid from the date of the life assured's death it has been possible to index link the benefit only to the date of death.

Thereafter the income benefit is fixed despite the increases in the cost of living which may be experienced. So as to index link benefits being paid out (after premiums have ceased to be payable) insurers would have to know the rate of increase so as to charge the correct premium in the first place.

Some form of index-linking may be applied to the income benefits payable under sickness and accident policies. It looks as though this form of index-linking can be achieved satisfactorily only if a policyholder gives the insurance company the right to collect from his bank account whatever premium is necessary each year in the light of inflation. Policyholders may not want to sign a blank cheque in that way, even though they could opt out at any stage.

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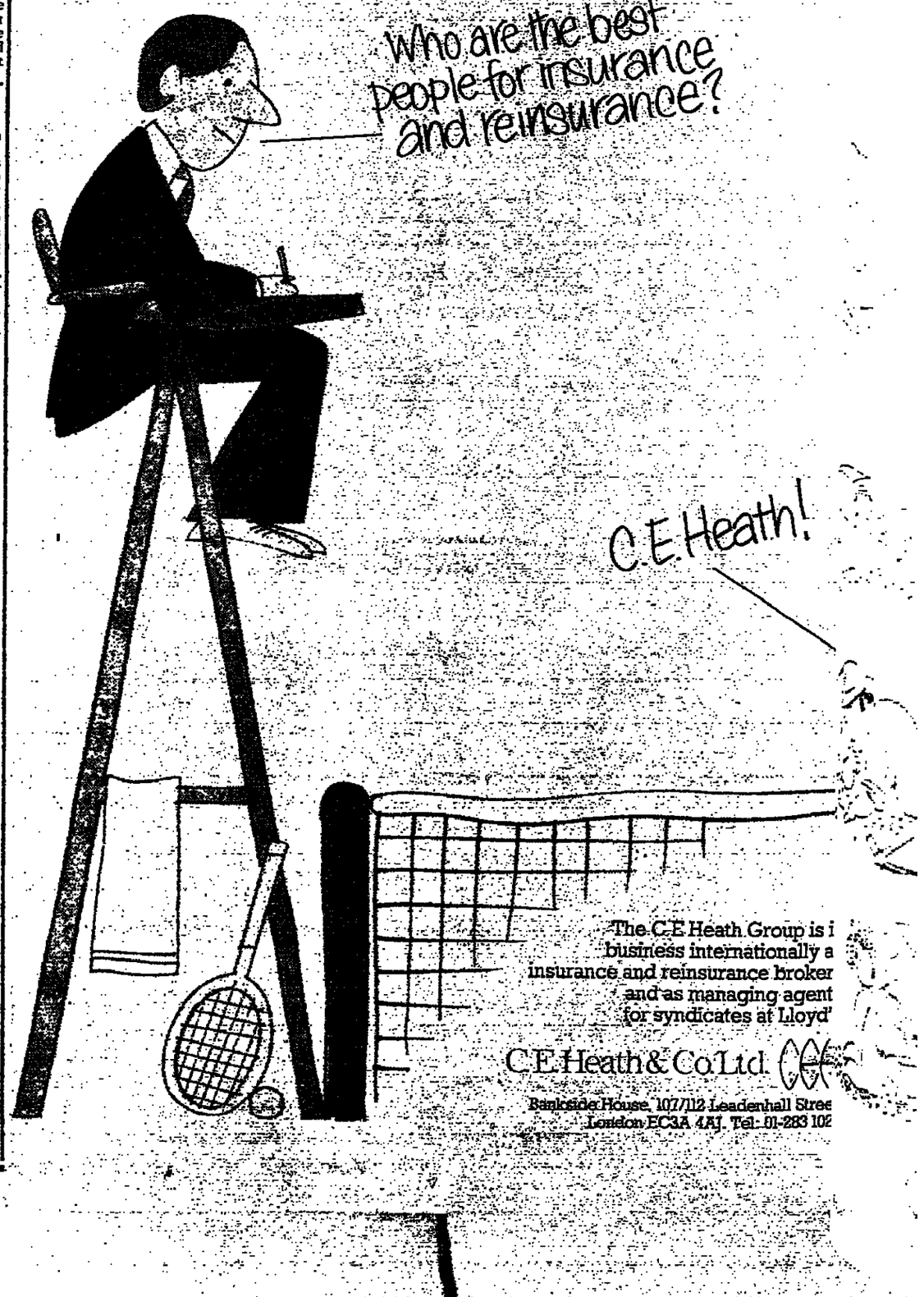

A share in risk sharing

By Anthony Rowley

In line with its great and still growing importance as an international reinsurance centre, London would like to see all reinsurers operating in the market showing equally high standards of disclosure of the underlying assets they use to match liabilities.

This was the gist of a suggestion this month by the chairman of the Reinsurance Offices Association, Mr John Lepine, who believes that insurance companies should separate out their reinsurance from their direct writing operations.

Reinsurance is the sharing of risks among the international insurance market and most reinsurers are the leading insurers wearing a different hat. Where they are leading international companies Lloyd's syndicates their ability to meet their liabilities is normally beyond question.

However, such are the size and diversity of the reinsurance market that many small groups, often with offshore locations, are able to operate freely within it. There have been disturbing cases where some of these have proved unable to meet their liabilities in full or at all, when claims were presented upon them.

One of the reasons for this is that undercapitalized concerns—those whose assets are realistically small in relation to potential liabilities—have been tempted into the reinsurance market in recent years. What attracted them were the profits of good underwriting years and the opportunity to use the cash flow provided by premiums for investment purposes. This is particularly alluring when world interest rates are high. When a series of international catastrophes occurs, as in 1974, bringing huge insurance claims in their wake, these undercapitalized concerns can easily find themselves swamped and unable to pay, though it is usually the primary insurer and not the insured who has to stand the loss.

Mr. Lepine's suggestion would aim at alleviating this situation by making plain to those tempted to enter the reinsurance market just what amount of capital they need safely put up to match potential liabilities. This would involve the large insurance companies in giving a lead by setting up separate reinsurance subsidiaries. The free assets pledged to the reinsurance side of the business would then become more apparent and also the true return on capital employed.

There is no implication here that the leading insurance corporations themselves are undercapitalized on their reinsurance operation; it is just that the assets backing their liabilities on this side tend not to be separated from those backing direct insurance liabilities.

"Such financial disciplines and the continued committal of substantial free funds to the reinsurance operation might well assist the reinsurance industry in improving its performance because the question of adequate return on capital employed will become more acute", Mr Lepine said before the Reinsurance Officers Association annual meeting.

"Again, some of the more speculative elements in the reinsurance business which could have a negative effect on the achievement of proper performance objectives might find that the cost of the game was not worth the candle."

There have been suggestions from the insurance broking industry that foreign insured parties, often with other than private policies, should be brought within the ambit of the Policyholders Protection Bill. This proposed legislation will give protection to the private policyholders of failed insurance companies.

The insurance industry, however, opposes this strongly, suggesting that the foreign holders, usually of commercial policies, ought to be able to rely on their brokers to make sure that they are insured with safe companies. The reinsurance industry, too, feels that the broking fraternity should bear more responsibility for reinsurance placed with dubious reinsurers.

None of these points is likely to be lost on the Department of Trade, which is tightening insurance solvency requirements and which may well go on to make more stringent requirements regarding the reinsurance market.

Beneficial though it may be in some respects, stricter statutory regulation of the London reinsurance market could prejudice some of its accustomed flexibility and this is why the industry here is following the old City of London precept favouring self-regulation to put its house in order.

The growth of London's role in this market is obvious enough from the most recent membership statistics of the Reinsurance Offices Association. Membership has increased from 38 companies (nearly all British) in 1969 to 267, of which only 60 are British and about a third of those are foreign-owned or foreign-controlled.

The principal British investment in reinsurance is to be found in Lloyd's and through the reinsurance subsidiaries or departments of the main British direct writing companies, all of which are members of the association. Just as the leading insurance companies have huge total assets to back their reinsurance operation, so the members of the Lloyd's syndicates are liable to the extent of their personal fortunes, if required, to meet any claims.

The need not only for such solid backing but also for the reinsurance operation itself is obvious from the list of recent catastrophes, which has included the earthquake in Managua, the Turkish airlines DC10 crash in Paris last year, the Flixborough explosion, the Brisbane floods, Cyclone Tracy and a series of tornadoes last year in the United States.

Apart from the question of solvency margins, a problem which is taxing the minds of reinsurers is that of finding a way to overcome the uncertainties created by international floating exchange rates.

The shift of one currency against another can mean that a reinsurance claim is started off earlier against, say, a British reinsurer than was envisaged when the original contract was drawn.

This can be overcome by the qualifying of contracts to match parities in force on the day they are signed, though this would involve the redrawing of numerous existing contracts to be satisfactory.

Instead, the Reinsurance Offices Association has put forward the suggestion that some form of internationally agreed currency unit, such as the special drawing right, might be used to fix indemnities, underwriting limits, premiums and claims settlements in future. This idea is probably still a long way from realization, though unless the world is to return to a system of fixed parities some form of fixed measure for international claims, such as those involved in reinsurance, will become increasingly urgent.

High cost of motor claims

Higher premiums continue to be the order of the day with motor insurance, and there is no sign of any levelling off. Two factors have contributed to this. The first and most important has been simply the increasing cost of claims, and the higher administrative costs which insurers have had to meet. Often the cost of car repairs has increased faster than the cost of living generally. Court awards also have increased sharply, which has resulted in out-of-court settlements keeping in step.

Second, insurers have *been settling liability* claims, which have been outstanding for some time, for higher figures than were estimated at the outset. Similarly, reserves for claims still outstanding have had to be "topped up", and this has had the effect of increasing the overall cost of operating motor insurance.

At one stage, because of the administrative cost of increasing premiums, insurers were reluctant to make increases at too frequent intervals. As a result, when an increase was made, it was of significant proportions. This meant that an insurer who had been competitive when compared with the rest of the market, became uncompetitive after a premium increase. This led to little new business being offered and the loss of renewals.

While, naturally, this loss was made good when, in time, the same insurer became competitive again, there was a good deal of moving from one insurer to another at renewal—which is a costly exercise for insurers and brokers alike. Now there is a tendency for insurers to make their premium increases at more frequent intervals, with the result that an increase does not necessarily affect an insurer to such an extent when compared with the rest of the market.

Some insurers issue and renew policies for comparatively short periods, but the bulk of the market is still geared to providing cover for 12 months at a time. If inflation continues at anything like its current rate, more insurers may move over to the idea of shorter-term policies. This would mean that premium adjustments could become effective more quickly, but, of course, the additional administrative expenses have to be taken into account.

In an effort to cut premium costs, many motorists are voluntarily accepting relatively high excesses in their policies, and there is a trend, particularly in the case of older cars, away from comprehensive insurance to cover solely for third party, fire and theft. That is the obvious course for a motorist who has to cut his premium costs, but, of course, it means that there is no cover whatsoever for accidental damage to the car.

Naturally, where a car is damaged as a result of the negligence of another motorist, a claim can be made against that motorist and, provided he is insured for third party property damage, his insurers should meet the cost. In practice, making a recovery in that way is not as simple as it sounds. Gradually legal costs and expenses insurance is being offered in Britain (being fairly widespread on the Continent). So far, it is being offered on its own, but in time it may be available as an optional extra to motor policies. Certainly a number of insurance companies have been considering the subject very carefully.

Despite the fact that there is little underwriting profit to be made from motor insurance (and not very much investment income either as most claims are paid comparatively soon after premiums have been received), most insurers are keen to write the business in view of the substantial contribution which it makes to overheads.

While, naturally, insurers would like to make a modest profit, it could still be worth while for them to continue to write the business on the basis of a modest underwriting loss.

There is keen competition between insurers in the motor market (which consists not only of insurance companies, but also of 30 or so syndicates of motor underwriters at Lloyd's). Statistics are becoming much more complex (although what happened in the past is not necessarily an indication of what can be expected in the future), and individual insurers are always trying to isolate groups of motorists which are being charged higher premiums than necessary, so that a group can be attracted by being offered *more* competitive terms. This is not an easy exercise, bearing in mind that insurers need a reasonable volume of business for any group, and the whole question of rating motor business must not be made too complex.

At the other end of the scale, some insurers are trying to simplify motor insurance by dispensing with some of the rating categories. This, of course, has been tried in the past—by no means always with success. There is the difficulty that, if an individual insurer offers insurance without the complexity that the rest of the market considers necessary, there is likely to be selection against that insurer by motorists.

If other insurers would charge them more, they will go to the company offering simplified insurance. But the better risks may very well be able to obtain lower terms from an insurer with a more complex rating structure. As a result, claims experience for an insurer offering simplified insurance may not turn out exactly as forecast.

J.G.

Exporters run for cover

Economic conditions are such that more insolvencies must be expected, both at home and abroad. Not surprisingly, therefore, exporters have been showing greater interest in the subject of credit insurance.

There are a few commercial insurers specializing in credit insurance both in the main and for exports, though they do not cover political risks for the latter. Therefore their policies need to be taken only in connexion with exports to politically stable countries.

The Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), however, covers political risks for some thousands of policy-holders.

From April 1 ECGD has introduced a new contract, partly from a desire to simplify documentation, and partly because the Scholey Report on the organization and function of the department, published in 1973, prompted those responsible to look more closely at the comprehensive guarantee.

The introduction of the new guarantee, in itself, has not resulted in any overall increase in premium rates. It is hoped that the simplification of documentation will help to hold down the present rapid rise in the administrative costs of operating guarantees, both for ECGD and its policyholders.

One simplification is that a single premium rate applies on each policy for short-term business in connexion with all markets. In the past, countries have been graded and premium has varied according to the market grading. Now an annual premium is calculated according to the size of the policy-holder's annual turnover and the use which is made of ECGD's credit limit service.

If required ECGD can give additional cover on contracts from the time they are made until the credit risk commences. But this will be only in relation to a policy-holder's total business. In the past, the amount of loss for pre-credit risks has been calculated on the basis of costs incurred or contract price less savings, whichever has been lower.

The department is using the same method, pointing out that it is sometimes faced with substantial claims for pre-shipment losses where little or no work has been done on the contract, and claims arise solely because of the high mark-up of the basic price of the goods. The department does not consider that it is in the interest of most of its policy-holders to reduce its underwriting reserves by meeting these substantial claims payments for loss of profit.

Many marine insurers feel that exporters are obtaining the insurance for physical loss of or damage to cargoes shipped overseas at prices which are really too cheap. The point is made that reserves must be built up for the major total loss involving cargo which, sooner or later, is bound to occur. There has been no really major total loss for cargo insurers for some time.

It is unlikely that cargo insurers will succeed in pushing up their rates to any great extent. There is considerable competition for cargo insurance, with much more of the business being outside the control of the major marine insurers than is the case with, say, the hulls of vessels.

There have been suggestions from a number of quarters that overall insurance cover for cargoes should be combined with the liability of the carrier while the goods are in his care. Sometimes, the argument put forward is that, at present, there is double insurance, in that the goods themselves are insured, and the carrier probably has some form of protection for his liability.

In practice recoveries made from carriers are small compared with the total cargo claims paid by insurers. Also premium rates for those making regular shipments are assessed separately according to claims experience, and recoveries from carriers are deducted from claims paid for this purpose.

There have been strong objections to the idea—both from insurers and shippers. First, under such a system, the party suffering the loss would not be the insurer's customer, since the customer is the carrier. Second, at present, cargo insurance rates reflect the benefits stemming from adequate packing and general loss prevention.

With an all-in transport operators' insurance, premiums would have to be based on the average experience of all shippers—good and bad alike. Thus an exporter's interest in measures to prevent damage—such as good packing—could decline. The money being spent in this way would benefit not only himself but also his competitors—whether they chose to be as careful or not.

There are many who feel that insurance along these lines could result in an increase in claims—which would simply lead to a further increase in insurance premiums, and a rise in costs generally.

Another argument against the idea is that large organizations sometimes choose to insure only for major losses, or carry part of the risk by having a deductible inserted in the policy.

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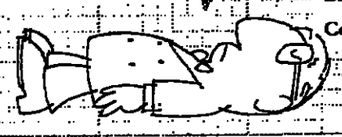

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Impossible to hold down hull premiums

Marine insurers have probably been writing hull insurance at less than cost price lately. From the hull underwriting point of view 1971 and 1972 were good years, but they brought about competition, with the result that 1973 is likely to be no better than marginal. When the account for that year is closed, at the end of this year, some underwriters will probably have made a marginal profit, but others will have turned in modest losses.

There is little doubt that significant losses have been made on the 1974 hull account, and all the indications are that 1975 will be even more unprofitable. The position, however, seems to be changing. Rating is getting near a turning point, and experienced underwriters expect their less experienced competitors to appreciate that, because of inflation, it is not possible to hold down insurance premiums.

A year or two ago the London market was losing money to markets elsewhere, simply because it was not prepared to cut its rates to what it considered to be hopelessly uneconomic levels. That loss of business, however, has stopped, and there is now a significant flow of business back to London, as some of the "cut price" competitors elsewhere withdraw with burnt fingers.

It is expected that there will be a marked contraction in capacity on an international scale, in which event the London market should be well placed. It has capacity, which may well become a fairly scarce commodity. It will be up to underwriters to sell their capacity at a fair price. It will take time to bring the hull account back to profitability.

Not only is there the leeway of the past few years to be made good, but also the fact that inflation is continuing apace. Damage claims are inflated by the higher cost of steel and other materials required for the repair of ships, and by the cost of labour. In some cases, they are further increased by the effect of fluctuating rates of exchange.

Substancial reinsurance of other insurers is written in the London market. Often, to cut administrative costs, a reinsurer who writes a treaty may have little knowledge of the type of risk being accepted under the treaty. Often, by giving reinsurance support to an overseas insurance company, a London underwriter may be "competing" against himself.

For instance, he may be accepting as reinsurance a risk which he has declined as a direct placing. Also, the rate of premium received for the reinsurance may be lower than the rate at which the business was declined on a direct basis, quite apart from the overriding commission which will be retained by the ceding insurer.

Earlier in the year, a leading British marine underwriter said: "If we are to survive we must shut the door very firmly against the granting of reinsurance to our competitors at a rate and subject to a deductible which we would find unacceptable in any branch of direct business."

While marine insurers make use of statistics they are always breaking fresh ground and have to rely heavily on personal judgment. An obvious example has been the introduction of larger vessels and the particular difficulties which they may bring with them. One has only to look back at the unexpected explosions in the early days of very large crude carriers (VLCC).

In the future, underwriters will be faced with the fresh risk of large gas carriers, of which there may be only a few in service for a number of years.

This year, for the first time, the question of the lay-up of a significant number of VLCCs has arisen. Owners have faced difficulty in finding places where the large vessels can be laid up and, naturally, they have been anxious that they should be able to claim pay-as returns of premium from their insurers—as insurance is a major item in operating costs.

Underwriters have taken a close interest in the lay-up situation, and considerable attention has been paid to exposure to weather, moorings, fendering, ballasting, gas freeing, fire fighting arrangements, and the availability of salvage assistance. All these factors have a bearing on the reduction in risk to underwriters when a vessel is laid up, and thus the premium which can be returned.

Marine underwriters are heavily committed to North Sea oil exploration and production. On a day-to-day basis the market capacity is about $130m, although there have been some instances where $200m has been written on a risk. It has been estimated that, before reinsurance, about 95 per cent of this type of oil business is written in the London market.

Experience for jack-up drilling rigs during 1974 was poor, but few of the rigs operate in the North Sea, since the maximum water depth at which they can drill is about 300ft. On the whole, recent experience of mobile drilling units in the North Sea has been better than expected.

J.G.

Loss likely on aviation account

A penalty for running a successful operation and making money is that others are likely to enter the field and cut prices to secure business. That is really what has happened over the past few years in the international aviation market, in which British insurers play a dominant part.

There are indications that a fairly long spell of declining rates for the hulls of aircraft is ending and that premium cutting will not continue. In the United States, and some other areas, there has been a certain amount of cutting back of acceptances by insurers, which has helped to bring about a more realistic outlook in the market.

It looks as though the 1974 aviation account will produce an across-the-board underwriting loss. At the end of that year it seemed that the slide in rates could not be halted. Then, quite suddenly, there was a different feeling in the market, not only in London but in certain quarters overseas. Underwriters appreciated that the stage had been reached when it was necessary to take a tougher line.

So far, underwriters have concentrated mainly on the American market, but it has been estimated that, overall, more than 50 per cent of worldwide aviation premium income is generated in the United States.

Traditionally, the major American trunk lines have represented the "bread and butter" business for the aviation market. They enjoyed a higher safety record than other airlines, and thus qualified for lower premiums. But the stage had been reached where underwriters were not making money from that type of account, particularly in view of the returns of premium being made, in one way or another, after claim-free experience.

Aftermath of the Nairobi air crash in November, 1974. Experts sift through the wreckage of the Lufthansa jumbo jet.

Now, higher rates are being charged, particularly to those airlines that have brought losses. In some cases, rates are being increased for non-American airlines, but it has to be remembered that their premium rates did not drop as much as those for American airlines. Fortunately, inflation has comparatively little effect on aviation hull business, simply because a claim is often a total loss and the full sum insured is paid quite promptly.

The position is very different in the case of insurance covering airline operators for their liability to passengers, or covering the manufacturers of aircraft and components for their liabilities. Here, claims can drag on for years, and prove much more expensive in the long run than was originally envisaged. Thus it can prove difficult for insurers to know exactly how much they should reserve for outstanding claims in connexion with their liability business.

Because of these uncertainties, there has not been the same degree of competition, with liability insurances as for the hulls of aircraft. Unfortunately, the amount of compensation to be paid to the dependants of passengers killed in an aircraft is far from straightforward. There are a number of different variations regarding airlines' limitation of liability which can apply to passengers travelling on the same aircraft, dependent on the ticketing arrangements for their particular journey. There may be no limitation of liability so far as some passengers are concerned.

Others may be subject to different limits set by international convention, whereas a figure for internal flights within the country involved may be relevant for some passengers. Most major airlines in the United States have cover of at least $200m (about £80m) for third-party risks and passenger liability. A significant number of operators elsewhere have increased their limits to $100m or $150m, whereas, in the past, their limits might not have been more than, say, $50m.

It is not the business of insurers to set the limits of an airline's liability towards passengers. At the moment, the position is very confused and cases can take years to settle. That is in nobody's long-term interests. From the insurance market's point of view, it has the capacity to provide high insured limits for operators, and it would be happy to provide greater protection, in view of the higher premium which that would generate.

Even more difficult to write is products liability—covering manufacturers of aircraft and components against claims which may be made against them for negligence. A manufacturer cannot claim limitation of liability and, although the contract of sale may prevent the operator from claiming against the manufacturer, the dependants of passengers killed in an aircraft may do so.

Lately, a significant amount of aviation products liability insurance has been gained by the London market from the United States. Manufacturers appear to have come to London more for the expert knowledge available than strictly on grounds of cost. A number of accounts which, traditionally, have been placed in the United States are now written in the London market, and British underwriters probably have the bulk of the world products liability insurance.

An indemnity of $250m is about the highest figure available. Manufacturers, however, appreciate that punitive damages could absorb that amount and, quite possibly, more. Rating this class of insurance is not easy, since it is not a manufacturer's turnover in the preceding year which is of prime importance, but the actual exposure, that is, the aircraft in operation and which could bring claims.

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s is not an ordinary book. I would doubt that k" is even the word. r it is a hybrid, incorpor- a high-class laminated back (a general guide to ng in Britain), a ring file a page to each of 205 ; plus two booklets, one e pocket, a walker's hand- on flora and fauna, and her a quiz book—no doubt ep children busy.

Through Road is aimed, ge, at the middlebrow r (most routes take no than two or three hours) s an inducement to lazy mers to use their legs than call a halt in the t lay-by. To test the idea e an area—the south-west n the general guide, a walk at random— rd-on-Avon—opened the ring-binder, extracting the relevant page and slipping it into the transparent wallet provided, and set off for Wiltshire. Thus no need to take the entire *No Through Road* kit (weight 5lb 2oz) with you.

This particular walk (4½ miles) begins in the car park of the town's station (not that the AA makes much of this added convenience: I left my car at home, but more of that anon), and encourages the traveller westwards between the Avon and the Kennet and Avon canal (rushes, cranesbill, marestail and nettles in profusion) to Avoncliff and Rennie's magnificent Bath stone aqueduct (no water now, just weeds and pedestrians), thence north through copse and field to the village of Turleigh (more Bath stone and a reminder that Best Kept Village judges were on the rampage), before returning east through a discouragingly ugly housing estate on to a promontory high over the town, giving a breathtaking view south across the Avon valley.

The sun shone and I took the walk at a gentle pace, stopping briefly at Bradford's well-preserved tithe barn (the second largest in Britain according to my guide) and longer at Avoncliff's Cross Guns free house with a bar edge impressively laden with draught beers. The walk was thus well chosen, and it was no fault of the compilers that since the guide went to press an electric cattle fence has been erected across one field (duckable, even jumpable for the athletic) and a seat used as a landmark has been ripped out.

What I do question is the guide's refusal to admit that any form of transport other than the car exists. If a tourist board had been the publisher each walk would have included notes about access (if applicable) by train or bus. This is a virtue of Ian Campbell's pocket-sized 13oz guide to SE England walks in which individual named writers give directions and point out sights. Also public transport based walks do not have to be circular. I also preferred its maps (black and white reproductions of Ordnance Survey rather than *No Through Road's* three-dimensional effects, but the result is marred by carelessness (railway lines shown but now disused).

Other booklets on specific walking areas abound. I liked South Sussex Walks by Lord Teviot and Michael B. Quinion (BBC, 60p) with a chatty style owing much to its Radio Brighton origins and New Forest Walks by Anne-Marie Edwards (BBC, 90p) *from Radio* Solent.

But take none of these volumes in isolation. The enthusiast will still need relevant volumes of Pevsner, the National Trust and Shell county *guides.*

Ion Trewin

Raffles as seen by Ionicus on the jacket of another edition of *The Amateur Cracksman*, with an introduction by Anthony Curtis. This was published in 1972 by Chatto & Windus, and is still available at £1.50.

Gentlemanly approach

Paul Theroux

Raffles: The Amateur Cracksman/The Black Mask
By E. W. Horning
(Hamish Hamilton, £2.50 each)

A lubberly paragraph by a diarist on one of London's evening newspapers mentioned some months ago that Graham Greene was writing a play based on the gentleman burglar and slow bowler, A. J. Raffles. I (and indeed all those in possession of the new Bodley *Head catalogue) can reveal that The Return of A. J. Raffles*, "An Edwardian Comedy in Three Acts", is done; it will be published this autumn and will open on stage sometime in December. It goes without saying that this will *brighten* what is certain to be a very cold winter.

In the meantime, what better way to prepare for the play than with this re-issue of two of the best of Hornung's books? The stories, narrated by Bunny Manders, are linked. The Raffles-Bunny partnership is begun in *The Amateur Cracksman* when Bunny, needing ready cash, goes to his old *friend for help*. Raffles's warning sets the tone: "Let one of those cheques get round to your own bank, and you and it are dishonoured." Honour is Raffles's watchword, and the whole concept of his gentlemanly approach to crime has been brilliantly analysed by George Orwell in the essay, "Raffles and Miss Blandish". After a number of adventures—not so much thrilling as ingenious, and often very funny, interlarded as they are with apt cricket metaphors and felonious erudition—Bunny is arrested and Raffles jumps overboard (in "The Gift of the Emperor").

Both men surface in *The Black Mask*. Bunny is a bit chastened, Raffles's hair is white but they are *still* game enough to orchestrate the elaborate practical joke in "A Jubilee Present", a joyous piece of thievery. "He was not a man of little thrills", says Bunny, whose admiration shines through his disapproval of Raffles's crackmanship. This second book has less of an edge than the first, yet it has funnier situations and more unexpected turns of plot. It also contains a story of Italianate revenge, with suggestions of a Mafia mob ("The Fate of Faustina") and a grand-scale story of Boer War treachery ("The Knees of the Gods") in which Raffles subsides on the last page in South Africa, a true hero bleeding triumphantly, and perhaps—if *Mr Greene is to be believed in his artistic kiss of life*—not as dead as he seems.

The appeal of Raffles is manifold. He is generous; he is a good sport; he has charm; *he is nearly always justified for* his crimes, because xenophobia is taken for granted and his victims are South Africans, Americans, Australians, cursed with a nationality that is indistinguishable from villainy. Raffles is, in fact, the embodiment of what most people believe the English character to be, like a second-story man in *The Chronicles of Clovis*, a gentleman whose wit and po-faced resourcefulness must excuse his occasional lapses. And he is a convincing snob; the sort of man who wouldn't touch a shopkeeper's till, but would enjoy fleecing the Clermont Club for all it was worth.

Orwell's comparison between the snobbery in *Raffles* with the cruelty of the sadistic creeps in *No Orchids* is worth quoting: "... one is driven to feel that snobbishness, like hypocrisy, *is a check upon be*haviour whose value from a social point of view has been underrated." But they are stories to enjoy, not analyse or even review, and I can't imagine anyone beginning "The Ides of March" and not reading through the whole rum lot.

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summer's showbiz books e stacked in three alarm- neat piles: on my right, might say far right, conventional West End/ casting House/Broadway/ wood autobiographies from Jack Warner (Jack l Trades, W. H. Allen, , Jack Hulbert (The Lit- oman's Always Right, W. len, £3.75), Ray Milland -Eyed in Babylon, Bodley £2.95), Sammy Cahn (I d Care, W. H. Allen, , Roy Plomley (Desert Discs, William Kimber, , Arthur Askey (Before Very Eyes, Woburn £3.75) and Vincente lli (I Remember It Well, & Robertson, £4.80). Of Mr Askeys' is the most ingly painstaking (two ed pages, all evidently written out in longhand), illand's the most elegant- yspeptic (a Nivenesque e of early British revel- and subsequent Holly- disillusion) and Mr Cahn's ply the funniest—a was- witty account of half a y in the songwriting ss, by comparison with an apprenticeship in the would appear to be s play.

the Centre we have five aphies, dominated by mas- five-hundred-page studies lizabeth Taylor (Elizabeth Dick Sheppard, W. H. £4.95) and Lenny Bruce es and Gentlemen, Lenny by Albert Goldman the journalism of Law- Schiller, W. H. Allen,). The trouble with both ese is that they are top- for the careers in- d: Mr Sheppard actually ibes his book as a "pro- and through one cannot dmire the single-minded ation and the hours of interviewing involved one can only wish that the authors had been a little more selective with their tape transcripts. In the case of Miss Taylor, her career begins to look somewhat thin stretched across so many yards of print though a combination of Sarah Bernhardt and Mata Hari might seem no more exciting in the circumstances. As for Mr Bruce, an interesting nightclub comedian curiously dedicated to verbal shock therapy is treated with precisely the same degree of po-faced solemnity that finally rendered his own routines more than a little tedious.

The other three biographies in this stack include an adequate Sophia Loren (Sophia by Donald Zec, W. H. Allen, £3.50), an excellent Paul Muni (Actor by Jerome Lawrence, W. H. Allen £4.50) and best of all an account of Stephen Sondheim, Sondheim & Co by Craig Zadan (Collier Macmillan £4.95) which is really a series of production notebooks, tracing Sondheim's work from *West Side Story* across 20 years to *A Little Night Music* and offering along the way the best insight into Broadway technique and technology since William Goldman's *The Season.*

Finally, over in left field, we have two distinctly eery exercises in necrology. The Life and Curious Death of Marilyn Monroe by Robert F. Slatzer (W. H. Allen, £4.50) and One Year Is Enough by Paulene Stone (Michael Joseph, £4). Both books are death-stories rather than life-stories, the latter being about Laurence Harvey who was Miss Stone's husband in his last years. Reticent good taste is not a hallmark of either work.

Sheridan Morley

Quick guide

A Field Guide to the Nests, Eggs and Nestlings of European Birds, by Colin Harrison (Collins, £3.50). A *book for* birdlovers not for egg collectors. As the author says, nesting is the time when birds are at their most vulnerable—he would deeply regret "if the publishing of this work resulted in harm to *birds* and their young". Egg collecting, he adds, is no longer even scientifically necessary. His aim is to broaden our knowledge and appreciation of birds as living creatures, and not act as an incentive to the pointless acquisition of eggs as petty trophies. This field guide maintains the excellent standard set by the series, with the added pleasure of nestling paintings by Philip *Burton.*

Goodbye Lizzie Borden, by Robert Sullivan (Chatto & Windus, £3.50). There are 18,000 murders a year in the *United States so the continuing* interest in the 1893 trial of Lizzie Borden is the more extraordinary. Judge Robert Sullivan, who re-examines the case, has been a long-serving justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court, the tribunal which tried Lizzie and, astonishingly, acquitted her. Judge Sullivan finds the state attorney-general guilty of political cowardice, the district attorney who prosecuted guilty of half-heartedness, the defence counsel guilty of obfuscation, the press guilty of partisanship, and the trial judges guilty of two faulty rulings on the inadmissibility of evidence and a summing-up described (charitably) as "lacking in objectivity". He also remarks that the trial was intolerably slow-moving, and this inevitably affects the book which gives a faithfully detailed and judiciously unimaginative account of it.

Books next week include The Genius of British Painting edited by David Piper and reviewed by Hilary Spurling; *Lord Longford on Lord Thomson's* autobiography After I Was Sixty; Crime novels reviewed by H. R. F. Keating.

Birdsong in Neasden

Birds of Town and Suburb
By Eric Simms
(Collins, £3.50)

However much Neasden has been ridiculed in the past, some living things find it very congenial. One is Eric Simms, indomitable London naturalist and bird-song recordist; the others are the vast and surprising communities of birds he has discovered there, and in factory *waste-patches and suburban* pocket-handkerchief gardens round cities all over Britain.

They aren't often as rich and varied as they would be in a Highland glen or Norfolk marsh (though a deserted cemetery in Brent has 210 pairs of birds in 24 acres), but they are always as fascinating. And the background against which they live in a city can give them an extra magic. I can't imagine any sight more astonishing than the family of red-backed shrikes which were watch-snooping amongst the dead wreaths in a Putney Cemetery refuse basket. Extraordinary *incongruities like these are part* of the joy of natural history. Birds refuse to abide by our gloomy expectations. They roost in boilerhouses, nest in pavement drainage pipes, do night-shift feeding by the light from sodium street lamps. Their whole style of existence cocks a snook at—but also enlivens—the deadliness of our cities.

It is to Eric Simms's very great credit that he has caught the *sharp wit and opportunism* of urban birdlife without any hint of anthropomorphism. Yet his way of looking at them is less that of the hard-bitten biologist than the sensitive and discriminating anthropologist. His birds may not live like men, but they do live among them, and to describe their lives he has had to describe their fine adjustments to the complex network of urban stresses and settings. He talks of the subtle differences in the birdlife of flooded gravel pits and Water Board reservoirs, explains why Hampstead pigeons have a preference for Victorian mansions belonging to the impoverished middle-class. He describes, too, that *comic stubbornness that is often* a serious part of survival for any creature in man-made surroundings. I love his story of the gull looting herrings from a Scottish quayside, and being quite unable to leave the *ground and escape the irate* fishermen pursuing him until he had coughed up four whole fish.

One other perceptive observation sums up the sheer range of *birds' adaptability to urban sub*stitutes for their natural habitats: black redstarts, from nests in the derelict corners of a Tottenham electricity station, fly-catching midges (from a polluted stream) close to a wall, to be safe from the kestrels which nest in the nearby pylons.

Eric Simms relishes his birds, and has a flair for capturing the atmosphere of the kind of world both bird and watcher have to contend with. He goes walking round Neasden's vast artificial lake, the Welsh Harp, on a December morning so still "I could hear a Tannoy from a factory on the North Circular demanding 'Mr ... wanted on the telephone'". I am pleased he has also heard the mellower calls of migrating bar-tailed godwits over his own house on nights when the *jetliners have been quiet*, for the godwits have no better champion.

Nor, I suspect, do Mr Simms' neighbours. For this book is no apology for suffocation by suburbanization.

Its clear message is that birds and men share the same world, and the same needs for territory, peace, clean air and food. It is no surprise that the richest birdlife is often to be found where human life is most tolerable. Because of this, Eric Simms' tribute to urban birds' survival is not just a work of charm, intelligence and hope, but also of great humanity.

Richard Mabey

The investigative journalist

Lincoln Steffens
By Justin Kaplan
(Cape, £6)

Lincoln Steffens was not the father of modern muckraking, as is claimed on the dust cover of this interesting book, but he was certainly the best known and the most effective. He lived during an era when there *were mountains* of lovely muck to be raked, and he was lucky. The United States was ready for reform, and Teddy Roosevelt and the Progressives were happy to work with the muckrakers, at least until they became embarrassing.

Steffens learned his trade in New York at the turn of the century. A nation of 75 million people had absorbed nearly 12 million immigrants within 30 years, and a couple of million had got no farther than New York's lower east side. There was no welfare or race relations board, and the exploited immigrant had little or nothing except the vote. This priceless gift of American democracy was the source of strength of Tammany Hall and almost unbelievable corruption.

Tammany Hall provided a rough and ready welfare system in return for the votes, and with them captured power to hold the city up for ransom. One grand sachem, Richard Croker, started life as a boot-black, and grew rich enough to own a racing stable in England. Everybody in the machine took his cut, including the police, but the ultimate beneficiaries were the utility companies who provided indifferent *services at exorbitant* rates.

Steffens investigated other cities as well as New York. His book *The Shame of the Cities* led to far reaching reforms, although when Mayor Richard Daley was elected 50 years later an alderman remarked: "Chicago ain't ready for reform yet." Others raked over the muck heaps, notably Upton Sinclair in *The Jungle*, with such success that Roosevelt tried to cry halt. In so doing he gave the future Naders and Bernsteins and Woodwards the title they now proudly bear.

Roosevelt read the lesson from *Pilgrim's Progress*, of the man with the muckrake whose vision is fixed on carnal and not spiritual things. He was wrong. Steffens was an idealist and, as Kaplan says:

muckraking made things happen: new laws and regulations, new electoral procedures, social legislation, conversation measures, improved food and drug standards, wage and hour reforms, and, in general, a movement towards a publicly accountable system of social and governmental controls.

Steffens spent only about half of his working career as a muckraker. He drifted to the left, visited Russia during the revolution, and wrote: "I have seen the future, and it works". He really ought to have stuck to muckraking.

Louis Heren

Astrology in history

Familiar to All
William Lilly and Astrology in the Seventeenth Century.
By Derek Parker
(Cape, £5.50)

William Lilly (1602-81) was seventeenth-century England's most celebrated—or most notorious—astrologer. John Evelyn in 1699 recalled how 50 years before "many were so terrified by Lilly, that they durst not go out of their houses".

Lilly had been the leading astrologer on the Parliamentary side, used on one occasion to rally troops laying siege to Colchester by assuring them the stars portended victory. But he made a smooth transition to Restoration. That owed less to his astrological skill than to a well-developed instinct for survival, as he had chosen to help his bitterest royalist rival after the defeat of Charles I. Yet memories remained and he had to be *rescued from royalist vengeance* by influential friends, especially the antiquary and occultist Elias Ashmole. Consulted by a clientele ranging from scullery-maids to great lords, famous for his annual prognostications, Lilly lived to a ripe old age in great comfort.

In this new biography Derek Parker laments the prejudice which has led historians to neglect the influence of astrology *on social and political life*. He repairs the omission for seventeenth-century England, chiefly at an anecdotal level. He has decked out Lilly's own autobiographical account (published in 1715) with the results of recent historical research. From Lilly's notebooks (at one time he was casting about 2,000 individual charts a year) he draws some impressions of his clientele and the problems which made them seek him out.

The book really comes to life in the middle chapters on Lilly's activities during the revolutionary period, and his *tribulations at the Restoration*. But it lacks the excitement of Dr Rowse's recent biography of Simon Forman, nor does it ask the sorts of questions which have, indeed, made the influence and demise of astrology in early modern Europe the focus of recent historical interest.

Mr Parker is himself co-author of a work called *The Complete Astrologer*. It is true that it has not led him to underestimate credulity *or* the extravagance of astrological claims in the seventeenth century. But the historical study of astrology and astrologers will have to be placed in a rather different social and intellectual framework if it is genuinely to illuminate the past.

P. M. Rattansi

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The Charles Lamb Prize is awarded to S. A. Fox, Joh.

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Four companies agree to 51% Government participation in North Sea commercial oil fields

House of Commons

MR LEVER, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Manchester, Central, Lab), announced that four companies had agreed in principle to 51 per cent Government participation in their commercial oilfields in the North Sea. They were Burmah, Deminex, Tricentrol, and Blackfriars Oil.

The Government were having constructive discussions with them and with a substantial number of other companies.

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab)—Is Mr Lever satisfied that he has got the best possible deal for the British people and, with matters of exploitation of North Sea oil agreed in principle, is he considering transferring his outstanding responsibilities to the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Benn)? (Laughter.)

MR LEVER—I am satisfied that the Government are in the process of securing and have already to a large extent secured an excellent deal for the British people and one which was, not unnaturally, not incompatible with the success of those who are developing the North Sea.

I am not able to say how all the deals will conclude and I cannot raise Mr Cryer's anticipations about my future removal to areas which will cause him less anxiety than my present responsibility. (Laughter.)

MR ROST (South-East Derbyshire, C)—How does Mr Lever reconcile his efforts to nationalize 51 per cent of the North Sea at an estimated cost of something like a billion pounds of the taxpayers' money with the advice he has given the Prime Minister on the need to curtail inflation and the public borrowing requirement.

Fair share

MR LEVER—I do not accept Mr Rost's description of my efforts and even less the broad estimate of their cost which he attributes as being likely to result.

I have, therefore, no difficulty in reconciling my efforts to secure for the British people a fair share and control of the oil vital to our national resources with our great determination to deal with the problem of inflation.

MRS EWING (Moray and Nairn, Scot Nat)—The EEC think 180 million tons a year is the appropriate rate of extraction; the Government say 110 million tons and the SNP 50 million tons. (Laughter.) The question of preservation is not a joke to those who live in communities affected by the extraction of oil.

MR LEVER—Happily the decision between the European Commission view of the wise rate of exploitation and that of the SNP does not fall to me to decide.

MR FERNYHOUGH (Jarrow, Lab)—Does the list of companies represent the whole of the companies or are there still companies with whom Mr Lever has to negotiate or is still negotiating, and are they proving somewhat difficult?

MR LEVER—The companies whose names I read out are those who so far have firmly accepted in principle 51 per cent state participation.

I would not regard those who have not yet seen fit to reach such agreement, as being difficult. They are considering Government proposals and discussing the various problems which arise, as they see it, and I am hoping to make substantial further progress steadily in this work.

MR PATRICK JENKIN, Opposition spokesman on energy (Eddbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C)—If the Government are to come forward in a few weeks with harsh and unpalatable public expenditure cuts, how can it make sense for them to lay out hundreds and possibly thousands of millions in buying out oil companies in the North Sea?

MR LEVER—Mr Jenkin appears not to have followed the clear explanation I and other members of the Government have given about our purposes. We are not laying out those sums which torture the fantasy of the Conservative Party.

We are negotiating on a basis under which we will make a contribution to the future cost of the development of North Sea oil as is appropriate and the only time when we advance money promptly is when the alternative to doing so would be to hold up the free exploration and exploitation of this vital asset.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)—From the list of companies, it is apparent that quite a number are those who had to negotiate from a position of relative weakness rather than strength. Does he expect some of the other more efficient and well backed companies to agree as readily as those he has mentioned?

WIll he take it that if he turns out to be successful, he may have to live by the present Cabinet maxim that, if they carry out Labour Party policy, ministers tend to get shifted sideways or downwards? (Laughter.)

MR LEVER—The occupational risks of Labour and Conservative ministers of being successful can be regarded as one of the lesser risks. (Laughter.)

I do not believe that sideways, upwards and downward movements of members of the Cabinet are directly relevant to my negotiations in the North Sea.

Naturally there is an unevenness in the response to the proposals I have made. Some companies have accepted fairly readily. Some are more cautious about the problems which would be involved for them and feel they need further examination.

The Government have formed a view that this is not a nationalization operation but a participation operation to give us control of and title to an adequate percentage of North Sea oil on the one hand, and to allow us to develop an expertise more readily within reach of the Government through the British National Oil Corporation.

We do not feel the need for compulsory powers. We believe we can reach a fair basis with companies willing to deal with us sufficiently to achieve the Government purpose of achieving 51 per cent participation in commercial oilfields in the North Sea.

I have no reason to feel pessimistic about achieving that in due time.

MR AITKEN (Thanet, East, C)—Since the Paymaster General has responsibility in the taxation aspects of North Sea oil, could he clarify what the Secretary of State for Energy is allowed to do all day long on North Sea oil?

MR LEVER—It is impossible to create that disunity between members of the Government front bench that now exists between members of the Opposition front bench.

My duties in regard to North Sea oil are limited to those of being chief negotiator with the oil companies for the Government's purpose of achieving 51 per cent participation. The Paymaster General has charge of the fiscal aspects of the North Sea, the petroleum revenue tax and other similar fiscal problems of the North Sea.

If Mr Aitken will ponder the resulting equation he will see that the minister for energy has a considerable remit.

Loss of revenue

MR SILLARS (South Ayrshire, Lab)—The Scottish trade unionists will applaud his rejection of the idea put forward by Mrs Ewing. Will he confirm that if we reduce the rate of exploration and output to 50 million tons a year we will need fewer rigs, platforms and supply ships, and that would mean less jobs for Scottish workers?

MR LEVER—I am grateful to him for pointing out in so forthright a way the consequences that would follow any effort to hamstring the reasonable development and reasonably speedy exploitation of the North Sea.

Any reductions required by the Scottish National Party would be accompanied by a loss of indirect and direct revenue to the Scottish people and would thereby affect the considerable achievement in improving the standard of life in Scotland which has taken place and which will further take place.

MR BIGGS-DAVISON (Epping Forest, C)—Are the Government fully satisfied that disregarding all the ideological considerations they have obtained as good a deal for Britain as the Norwegian Government obtained for Norway?

MR LEVER—It is difficult to compare precisely the relative deals achieved. The Norwegian Government have exacted greater control and a greater control of the profits in their area than has been possible in our area. There are differences in the exploration position, differences in the licensing terms and many other aspects.

All I can say is that we are negotiating as firmly and toughly as is compatible with the scrupulous respect for our obligations and the fair reward offered to the companies which matches the needs of the British people to get their fair share, and the Scottish people are included in that entity.

Inflation weakens UK's ability to take initiatives in foreign affairs

MR BLAKER (Blackpool, South, C) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs for a statement about his latest meeting with other EEC Foreign Ministers.

MR JAMES CALLAGHAN (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—At the meeting of the Council of Ministers yesterday I took the opportunity to assure them that following the referendum the United Kingdom would play a full and constructive part in Community policies and activities.

In the course of a long agenda we discussed the Community's relations with Canada, Egypt and Portugal; we held an Association Council with Cyprus; we took note of Greece's application to join the Community; we considered the next steps on raw materials and commodities; and among various trade items, we reached a satisfactory settlement on the question of beef exports to the Community from Botswana.

MR BLAKER—If the country continues on its present mad economic course, we shall find it increasingly difficulty to assert in the EEC the influence we are capable of exerting.

If, on the other hand, we are able to bring inflation under control, as other member countries appear to be doing, we shall be able to play a major role in influencing the policies of the EEC, internally and externally.

MR CALLAGHAN—I do not necessarily accept Mr Blaker's hypothesis. It is remembered by every Labour MP that on an early page in our manifesto we said our first most important task was to overcome inflation. The steps being taken will achieve that end. (Conservative shouts of "What are they?")

These are questions which should be directed to other ministers than myself, but I have little doubt, having been at least an observer of some of these discussions, that there is more prospect of overcoming inflation with the consent and assent of the trade unions and people of this country than by any kind of statutory policies or political coalitions.

MR HOOSON (Montgomery, L)—Does Mr Callaghan find himself greatly inhibited in initiating any foreign policy moves because of the present rate of inflation in this country? Does he find the present rate of inflation intolerable in taking any major steps in foreign policy?

Assistance limited

MR CALLAGHAN—I am being tempted on to Tom Tiddler's ground. (Laughter.) Britain's view is taken seriously by our EEC colleagues and other nations in the world. At the same time, the impact of inflation does weaken our ability to take initiatives in foreign affairs.

In many ways it weakens both the respect with which we are listened to, and, if our affairs do not seem to be under proper management, it limits assistance that we can give when there are a number of desirable ends at stake.

For example, there is the question we have to consider about aid in order to succour democracy in Portugal. I would like Britain to be in a position where we can ensure Portugal follows a democratic path by assistance from outside, if such a thing is possible. How can I look the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Healey) in the eye and ask for large sums at present? That is an example, but there are many others.

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—What was the settlement on beef exports from Botswana?

MR CALLAGHAN—Botswana, who are so heavily dependent on cattle, instead of being required under Community rules to pay a levy of 100 per cent on their imports to the EEC will now pay a levy of 10 per cent. That was a limit nobody should be expected to pay. It will make little difference. They will also charge an export tax which they will be able to use in any way they like in their own country to reimburse their people.

The Botswana delegation met me at 1 am today in Luxembourg and thanked me profusely. It only goes to show how much the fears expressed before the referendum have proved to be unfounded. (Cheers.)

Growing wish

MR HURD (Mid Oxon, C) asked what recent progress had been made in working out a common foreign policy for member states of the EEC.

MR CALLAGHAN—There is a growing wish among member states of the European Community to use the political cooperation machinery to work for common positions of foreign policy.

Member states now regularly discuss international events as they occur. There has been continuing close cooperation on the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, on the Europe-Arab dialogue, on the problems of the Middle East and Cyprus, and on developments in Portugal, Latin America and Africa.

MR HURD—Does not Mr Callaghan feel the foreign policy differences between members of the Community are now differences of emphasis and not fundamental?

Would it be possible to go beyond the machinery for cooperation which he described, and make a strenuous effort to get a concerted policy across the board?

MR CALLAGHAN—If we tried to do that we could come up against many difficulties. It is best to take situations, and foresee what is likely to happen and work out common positions, rather than have some abstract group of principles to which we attach ourselves and when the strain comes from which we would probably depart.

MR SPEARING (Newham, South, Lab) asked about the implications of further cooperation on foreign policy on overseas aid.

MR CALLAGHAN said Britain was transforming debate in the Community on aid to developing countries, and giving them a greater sense of urgency and relevance, which he hoped would produce more aid.

Prince of Wales says young need outlet for surplus energy

House of Lords

LORD WINDLESHAM (C), opening a debate on the need for voluntary service in the community, said that virtually every voluntary organization shared one thing in common—the threat of actual or pending financial crisis.

The answer to the financial problem was not a substantial increase in Government grants. Additional public expenditure at a time like this would be unrealistic, but the Government should avoid any steps which had the effect, even unintentionally, of weakening the voluntary movement still further.

The Community Land Bill as it was drafted would penalize those charities which owned land or buildings.

The Government could also make a determined effort to try to resolve the argument which had been going on for two years or more about the position of charities in relation to VAT.

LORD BEAUMONT of WHITLEY (L) said it was accepted that the state should not do everything for its citizens. The state and local government could be clumsy, insensitive and wasteful, although the work of individuals also had its drawbacks. The growth of voluntary bodies and societies was the key approach, particularly if they were deeply rooted in the community in which they worked.

The priorities for immediate action should include more sense in funding and greater continuity of funding. There should be roll-forward grants and there should be indexing. There must also be selectivity.

LADY YOUNG (C) said they needed the impatience and daring of the voluntary organizations to complement and goad the statutory services.

The tragedy and challenge of today was that statutory services and voluntary organizations were desperately short of money. Both were hard hit by inflation.

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH, Minister of State, Home Office, said the debate was taking place at a time when many voluntary organizations were facing profoundly serious situation. The present alarmingly high level of inflation was playing havoc with their finances. Funds had become increasingly tight while demand had become even greater.

In the present serious economic situation the Government were under an obligation to limit public expenditure and he could not pretend there was any possibility of the Government making up the shortfall in voluntary funds which would be the inevitable result of inflation and the consequent pressure on private companies and individuals in these circumstances.

Priority would be given to existing demands and every effort would be made to save voluntary organizations doing work of high social priority which would be stopped if no further funds could be found. This would mean there would be little or no room for growth or development or for new initiatives. The prospects were clearly bleak. At least for the time being there would be no extra resources to meeting increasing needs.

If the lifeline provided by the many dedicated volunteers was to be cut many of the most underprivileged people would be the first to suffer.

The Government were determined to do what they could to help the voluntary movement, but it would be absurd to pretend that they could solve the problem of the voluntary services or even do more than affect it at the margins.

Only the voluntary services with the support of the public could ultimately ensure their own future by adapting themselves to the present situation.

Challenge of adventure

The PRINCE OF WALES said there was one aspect of service that of younger people—which had provided him with an interest for some time. Being still young enough himself he could still remember that as an adolescent most people had energy to spare and needed adventure, excitement, and a challenge of one sort or another.

Reading the history of the First World War and also the Second World War, it was intriguing to discover that many young men were caught up in the excitement and adventure of a new war and the chance of glory and to serve their own country. That was tragically and bloodily continued in two world wars with the deaths of two generations they could ill afford to lose.

Those who survived (he said) learnt a great deal and became wiser and more reasonable men and grew up extremely quickly. One of the arguments I have often heard in favour of national service and its reintroduction is that it gave young people a taste of discipline when they needed it, and a taste of adventure if they were lucky.

The point I am getting at is not that national service should be reintroduced, because there is not a reasonable or logical justification for a start, but that somehow we should be thinking of recreating some of the challenges of war in a peacetime situation so that adolescents in particular can discover themselves and their individual capabilities through the challenge of adventure and hardship.

It seemed that the problems they suffered in society through violence and anti-social behaviour, on the part of some young people was due partly to the lack of outlets into which energy, frustrations and desire for adventure could be properly channelled.

Dr Kurt Hahn, the founder of his old school, did not exactly require boys to undergo initiation ceremonies, but believed that a boy must challenge himself and discover his own level of endurance and will power. He believed in the acquisition of self-knowledge and self-discipline.

My experience (he added) was that this worked surprisingly well and that is why I am so keen that others should experience it.

I am always astonished (he went on) by the amount of rot that is talked about Gordonstoun and the careless use of ancient clichés to describe it. It was only tough in that it demanded more from you as an individual mentally and physically than most other schools.

I believe it taught me a great deal about myself and my own abilities and disabilities and it taught me to take challenges and initiatives. Why else do you think I am brave enough to stand here in this House? (Laughter.) I am brave enough because I believe strongly that many more young people should be given the opportunity to find excitement and adventure through voluntary service and by organizing themselves after initial help and training.

He knew of a young people's organization on the south coast which specialized in inshore rescue work in the Solent and surrounding waters. These young people had earned the praise and admiration of coastguards and yachtsmen. Some people said it was wrong to allow young people to take out boats in rough conditions but as long as the proper precautions were taken there was no more rewarding experience.

He urged the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, to which he paid tribute, to be aware of the desirability of involving as many young people as possible in front line operations.

He hoped that many more schools near the coast in suitable areas could supplement the statutory services by operating rescue boats and such things themselves after training.

He had been pursuing an idea which had attempted in a small way to help the more alienated sections of young people, who might otherwise drift into forms of anti-social activity and delinquency, to organize themselves to undertake more imaginative schemes.

I have often felt (he said) that given the right incentives materials, and equipment many more young people can become involved in helpful work for the community had they the finance of interest.

I have decided to establish experimental schemes with the aid of a committee in areas with which I have a titular connexion and so far the response in each part of the country has been extraordinarily encouraging. It is obvious that many young people, and those categories often described as most difficult, are only too keen to become involved in useful or imaginative schemes, but they lack the funds or the necessary equipment.

There are voluntary organizations which were slow to realize the role young people could play and many private schools failed to appreciate the value of their facilities to young and old alike during holidays when they were not in use. There were many problems involved but he did not believe them to be insurmountable.

One of the factors of overriding importance was the recognition that voluntary service was as beneficial to the volunteer as it was to the recipient of that service.

It is (he said) quite simply good for the soul. It is an essential element in any society which calls itself civilized.

It seems the Government (he went on), in a sense, have a duty to ensure that as many people as possible are able to offer themselves for voluntary service in a wide range of fields, particularly by making helpful concessions financial or otherwise, in order to enable organizations to continue to provide this enormously valuable service to the community which we should never allow ourselves to take for granted. (Cheers.)

Claims of British subjects in Cyprus

MR BRITTAN (Cleveland and Whitby, C) asked for a statement on the compensation of British citizens for loss of or damage to their property in Cyprus.

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab)—I am now able to inform the House that as the result of the ministerial talks held in Ankara and Brussels last month further contacts took place earlier this month in London between British and Turkish officials on the claims of British subjects and the counter-claims of the Turkish-Cypriots.

There have also been recent discussions in Nicosia between the leader of the Turkish-Cypriot community and the British High Commissioner on the subject of claims.

The British Government will continue to do all they possibly can to ensure that the interests of British citizens are satisfactorily resolved.

MR BRITTAN—While welcoming that answer, as the Turkish Foreign Minister told the Minister of State as long ago as May 22 that his consideration of this question would be tempered by what he described as a sense of justice, there will be disappointment that there have not yet been practical proposals for the recompense of British citizens. Will he remind the Turkish Foreign Minister that if he is inspired by a sense of justice, justice delayed is justice denied?

MR HATTERSLEY—I have a good deal of sympathy with that. But when I met the Turkish Foreign Minister in Ankara some weeks ago it was the first genuine sign of hope that British citizens' problems would be resolved. I was impressed by the determination and sincerity by which he promised to make some progress and we can only hope that that progress, which I am sure will come about, will come about speedily because this is a necessity.

MR WALL (Haltemprice, C)—Will he remind the Turkish Government that they have many friends here but that this friendship is under strain due to the delay in settling legitimate claims of elderly British citizens in Cyprus?

MR HATTERSLEY—I made exactly that point to the Turkish Foreign Minister and said that not only was parliamentary pressure growing almost irresistibly but it was pressure with which I sympathized.

MR HOOSON (Montgomeryshire, L)—Have there been any discussions of practical proposals for compensation?

MR HATTERSLEY—There has been some practical progress though not as much as one would wish. The fact that earlier this week and late last week there were talks as a result of Turkish emissaries being sent to London is a sign of progress. I cannot pretend there are figures and numbers which I can offer to the House as a Turkish offer. The conversations have begun and that is progress.

SIR DEREK WALKER-SMITH (East Hertfordshire, C)—Do the Turkish Government accept, in principle, liability, subject to proof of damage and matters of quantum in each individual case?

MR HATTERSLEY—No, not entirely. The Turkish Government as represented by the Foreign Minister five weeks ago acknowledged the statement as I described it, and said he knows there are problems involved not simply in allocating blame but in deciding which authority was the legal authority on whom responsibility was to lie. But the fact that the Turkish Government sent their representative to Britain is an indication that they wish to play a practical part in meeting the cases.

The Turkish Foreign Minister told me, in terms of money, that this could not be met by the Government of Cyprus and it would have to be provided by some other source. I assume and hope this is the Government of Turkey.

Wide range of talks on political union

MR WATKINSON (West Gloucestershire, Lab) asked when the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs expected Mr Leo Tindemans to visit the United Kingdom.

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs—Mr Tindemans will visit the United Kingdom from June 29 to July 2. He will have talks with the Prime Minister and with the Foreign Secretary and other ministers. He will also meet representatives of opinion outside the Government.

MR WATKINSON—How will Mr Tindemans go about meeting other elements of opinion besides ministers? Will the Government have formal or informal talks? Will the minister consider having a debate on political union in Europe while Mr Tindemans is here?

MR HATTERSLEY—Debates are considered by the Leader of the House. Mr Watkinson is seeking an assurance that the talks in which we take part will not result in commitments by the Government. We give him that assurance without qualification.

On Mr Tindemans' conversations with those outside the Government, his programme is being determined and organized by the Belgian Embassy in London. I understand that as part of the programme the Belgian Ambassador has arranged for him to visit Scotland and Wales and also to call on representatives of the major political parties.

MR ELDON GRIFFITHS (Bury St Edmunds, C)—Mr Tindemans has already sought discussions with the Leader of the Opposition (Mrs Thatcher) and been made welcome at those discussions which will be full and frank. (Labour laughter.)

MR HATTERSLEY—Extraordinarily enough, I include Mrs Thatcher amongst the major political parties.

Jobs rather than big profits the task for new Scottish agency

MR WILLIAM ROSS, Secretary of State for Scotland (Kilmarnock, Lab), moving the second reading of the Scottish Development Agency (No 2) Bill, which has passed the House of Lords, said it sought to bring to Scotland a new executive body, the SDA, charged with furthering the development of Scotland's economy and improving its environment. It gave the agency substantial financial resources and wide powers for carrying out these tasks.

Often the owners of Scottish industry had failed to plough back profits at the right time and were unwilling to take the risk of expansion. As a result, Scottish industry had not been in a strong position to resist the pressure of wider market forces. Frequently industry, British or international, had rationalized out of existence what they called "marginal Scottish plants" in order to promote their own greater profitability as a whole.

The result had been a substantial loss of jobs and industrial capacity in Scotland. Obviously the world did not owe Scotland a living, but there had been too many missed opportunities.

This (he said) is where the Scottish Development Agency can come in. What is needed is a body whose main concern is to keep and create as many jobs as possible, and not just to make the fastest and biggest profits.

The SDA will have powers to step in and attempt to establish a free standing and viable Scottish concern, where jobs might otherwise be lost.

The power to involve itself directly in industry was perhaps the most fundamental new element in the concept of the SDA. Through the mistaken action of the House of Lords, the Bill at present denied that power to the SDA. The action of the House of Lords showed the extent to which the Opposition were out of touch with the feelings and aspirations of the people of Scotland.

We shall (he said) restore the full powers which have been removed by the House of Lords.

The SDA would not have an exclusively industrial remit. It would remove past dereliction and undertake imaginative schemes to reshape and improve the environment of whole areas, making them attractive and pleasant places in which to live and work. The agency would be able to undertake the whole process of redevelopment—from clearing dereliction to providing factories and protecting jobs.

When I have appointed the chairman designate of the agency—I hope in the next few weeks—I shall (he said) invite to serve with him a number of members designate to form an organizing committee to plan in advance for the establishment of the agency.

MR BUCHANAN-SMITH, Opposition spokesman on Scotland (Angus, North and Mearns, C), said the Bill was simply a smokescreen for the current unwillingness to provide resources under the Industry Act or various local authority Acts to enable others to do the job of improving the environment.

He supported many of the intentions and proposals of the Bill to help industry and improve the environment in Scotland, but questioned the extent and the need of some of the powers.

I have (he said) no doctrinaire opposition to the establishment of an agency in order to carry out these tasks. (Labour laughter.) Unless the Government are prepared to back up this agency in many other ways, particularly resources, what it will achieve will be no more than successive governments have achieved.

There were many people in Scotland with misgivings about the Bill. It took to the Government powers far beyond anything which any Government had had through an industry Bill. The Scottish National Party showed tremendous naivete in their approach to the Bill, because the Bill was simply a vehicle for greater state intervention. It was an extension of nationalization.

MR DONALD STEWART, Leader of the Scottish National Party (Western Isles), said that his party welcomed the principle of the Bill, but it hardly called for the fanfare which Mr Ross had used. It was entitled, perhaps, to a tune on the pipe and they welcomed it as far as it went.

Scotland knew that a Bill of that kind was essential and it made the dragging of feet by the Tories up to now all the more reprehensible. The implication of the Bill in terms of jobs was far too important for the party politics in which Mr Buchanan-Smith had indulged.

MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L) said unless the agency was allowed to indulge in activities with others in setting up enterprises, its powers would be limited to being a glorified cleaning-up operation. That did not make sense. There was a role for the agency to involve itself in setting up new Scottish based industries with headquarters in Scotland.

MR BRAY (Motherwell and Wishaw, Lab) said that he hoped the SDA would not be left to operate without a plan. Such a plan could be prepared by the agency. It would need criteria with a test of whether the money was best spent on capital or labour intensive projects. It should have a full-time senior official concerned with industrial relations policy.

He would have liked to see some target of job creation. That would set the scale and pace of the initial work of the SDA.

MR MONRO (Dumfries, C) said he wondered whether they were going to have the SDA and NEB both setting up offices perhaps in America or in Europe and fighting for industry separately. He would like to see a United Kingdom approach, channelling the correct industry to where it was most likely to be successful, whether in Scotland, England or Wales.

MR EDWARD TAYLOR (Glasgow, Cathcart, C) said the Bill was a major extension of bureaucracy. Attempting to save jobs by putting state money into industry could destroy those jobs by the unfair competition which was created.

MR MILLAN, Minister of State, Scottish Office (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab), said traditional regional policy was insufficient to deal with the economic problems in Scotland. New initiatives were needed. That was why there had been a wide welcome for the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time by 295 votes to 224—Government majority, 71.

EEC heads to study chances of oil talks

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, in a statement about business to be taken in the Council of Ministers of the European Community during July, said: The heads of government of the member states will meet in Brussels on July 16 and 17. The agenda for this meeting has not been confirmed, but it is likely that there will be discussion on commodity matters in the context of relations with developing countries, and on the prospects for dialogue between oil producers and consumers. We expect the heads of government to discuss stage III of the conference on security and cooperation in Europe and to exchange views on the general economic situation.

At present three meetings of the Council of Ministers are proposed for July. Finance ministers will meet on July 10; foreign ministers on July 15 and 16, and agriculture ministers on July 21 and 22.

Finance ministers are expected to carry out the second formal examination of the economic situation in the Community provided for in the convergence decision of February 18, 1974. They will also consider the Community exchange regime and work in preparation for the International Monetary Fund meetings.

At the foreign affairs council ministers will make final preparations for the European Council in Brussels on July 16 and 17. They are also expected to continue their discussion of raw materials problems in the light of preparations for the seventh special session of the United Nations General Assembly. Ministers will have before them a report on relations with Portugal and possibly the final text for formal approval of the agreement with Mexico.

Agriculture ministers are expected to consider proposals amending the basic wine regulations and the part of the basic sugar regulations dealing with imports from African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, and for the rationalization of horticultural production under glass.

Nearly £11m in unpaid fines

MR ALEXANDER LYON, Minister of State, Home Office, in a written reply, said: Outside the Inner London area (for which figures are not available), the amount of unpaid fines outstanding on December 31, 1974, was £11,583,276. This included fines not yet due for payment because the time allowed for payment had not expired.

The corresponding figures for the four previous years were £6,001,454, £7,030,003, £8,207,065 and £10,200,710. Over the same period the annual receipts from fines (excluding Inner London) rose from £16,656,121 in 1970 to £31,090,093 in 1974.

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords

Today at 3.00: Policyholders Protection Bill, third reading; New towns Bill, committee stage; Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill, report stage; Divorce (Scotland) Bill, second reading; Motions on Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order and Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order; Disputable question about ferry services to the island of Islay.

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Welsh Development Agency (No 2) Bill, second reading; Motions on Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order and Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order.

Towards direct elections

MR GRYLLS (North-West Surrey, C) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what was the policy of the EEC on direct elections to the European Parliament.

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State—At their meeting in December 1974, the EEC Heads of Government noted that the objective laid down in the Treaty of Rome of election by universal suffrage should be achieved as soon as possible. We shall undertake a thorough study of this matter.

MR GRYLLS—Now the referendum is over, the time for prevarication about direct elections to the European Parliament should also be over. To have direct elections in 1978 would be the best way of strengthening the democratic control of the institutions. The Government should hasten to make a decision.

MR HATTERSLEY—I disagree with each of those points. There has been no prevarication. If we had not taken time on this, during renegotiation, it would have been altogether intolerable to move with urgency and speed while the British people were making up their minds where our future lay.

There is a high level of democracy preserved in the EEC. It exists at the Council of Ministers where each minister is democratically elected, and they prevent proposals going ahead which in their view are not in the national interest.

There is a great deal of examination of the desirability and propriety of direct elections. When completed, I have no doubt it will be reported to the House.

MR HEFFER (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—The question of direct elections was not one of the renegotiated items. There should be examination in depth, and the views of the Labour Party should be taken into consideration before there is any commitment.

MR HATTERSLEY—It would be essential for all parties and many interests to be consulted before the Government made up their mind.

MR ELDON GRIFFITHS (Bury St Edmunds, C)—To the process of whatever consultation the Government feel to be right in this matter, there should be the fullest debate in the House of Commons.

MR HATTERSLEY—I give that assurance at once. Before any system of direct elections were implemented it would need legislation in this House. At an early stage, the House and public will be notified of the Government's intention.

No chance of stopping arms flow

MR ALLAUN (Salford, East, Lab) asked if the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, in order to encourage the current Middle East peace negotiations, would prohibit the proposed arms supply to Egypt and future arms supplies to Israel, and take the initiative for a joint embargo on arms supplied to both sides in the Middle East by Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and France.

MR CALLAGHAN—No. An effective agreement on some measure of arms limitation in the Middle East is likely to be possible only with the support of the parties to the dispute and in the context of a general settlement.

MR ALLAUN—Has not the argument of military balance been used as an excuse by arms exporters for a century, with fatal results? Whatever the cost to Britain in lost exports, would not this be far less than the cost to Britain and mankind of a third world war resulting from an escalation of the resumption of fighting in the Middle East?

MR CALLAGHAN—Yes, it would. No one wants a third world war.

Arms exporters may only send arms under licence and the Government have laid down clear policy to which we adhere. The situation is simply that if Britain were not to meet minimum requests from these countries not only would they feel that Britain was unwilling to assist but they would turn elsewhere and perhaps to quarters where Mr Allaun would not wish them to turn.

MR GOODHART (Bromley, Beckenham, C)—Can he think of any agreement controlling the supply of arms in the Middle East or anywhere else which has not been immediately broken by the communist countries concerned almost as soon as it has been signed?

MR CALLAGHAN—The Soviet Union is playing a restrained role in the Middle East at present. In those circumstances I do not wish to engage in a propaganda battle with her.

MR CORBETT (Hemel Hempstead, Lab)—If the four countries named in this question agreed not to supply arms to the nations in the Middle East at least the attempt might be worthwhile. If they do not have the means to wage war, it makes the waging of war impossible and unlikely.

MR CALLAGHAN—That is an ideal situation. I live in a world of reality and there is not the faintest chance of that being achieved.

MR HUCKFIELD (Nuneaton, Lab)—The Secretary of State for Defence has been particularly skilful at concealing some of the details of the reported arms deal with Egypt. If the reports of a £450m arms deal are true, bearing in mind the initiatives being undertaken by the American Secretary of State is not this the wrong time to sell arms and is not the amount too big?

MR CALLAGHAN—The answer to all those questions is "No".

Removing an anomaly in caravan law

MR LOVERIDGE (Havering, Upminster, C), was given leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Caravan Sites Act 1968.

He said the Bill aimed to remove an anomaly which arose because Section 10 of the Act made certain encampments illegal in local authority areas where they had provided adequate sites for families on the move. Section 11 was intended to ensure enforcement. It did not work, and this Bill was to enable it to work as intended.

It applied only in the areas of those local authorities designated by the Secretary of State as providing adequate facilities for travelling families. In these areas it enabled local authorities to obtain summonses against the owners of caravans alleged to be breaking the law.

If the owner could not be traced the court might order that a notice be affixed to the caravan concerned inviting the owner to come to a large extent based on opportunity not given to the great mass of the families of working class people.

LORD FORBES (C) said that there was voluntary service but not national service, more the pity. There was a need for some form of service to the nation, for young people. The concept of voluntary service, self-discipline and voluntary restraint no longer came naturally to all. There was a need for leadership.

LADY STEWART of ALVECHURCH said perhaps the Government could be persuaded to initiate and guide an investigation into the problem of how to help neighbours suffering from loneliness and isolation.

LADY MASHAM of ILTON said even when the young had drifted into delinquency they had proved time and time again that they could do excellent voluntary work. At one Borstal the volunteers were called the Blue Angels because they were so successful in helping the community.

LORD HUNT said that the tradition and practice of voluntary service, circumscribed as it had been and deriving as it had been, from a past era of charitable patronage, should be encouraged to grow in a wider and more representative manner.

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH said the policy which was right was to try to keep in business some of the most useful and valued voluntary organizations. That meant, at a time of high inflation and restriction of Government expenditure, that one could not move into voluntary fields which one would otherwise like to do.

Central government expenditure on voluntary services in 1974-75 was more than £16m and estimated expenditure in 1975-76 was currently about £20m.

Review of voluntary work

LORD WOLFENDEN, in a maiden speech, said he was chairman of a committee charged with reviewing the role and functions of the voluntary organizations over the next 25 years.

There was a noticeable change in the type of the people who came forward as the agents in voluntary activities. They were no longer the Victorian squire's widow, or the public spirited wives whose social position and husband's income had enabled them in the past to make a contribution which no one should decry. As they were being more and more constrained by economic forces from giving of their time and energy their places were being taken by the young.

The EARL of LONGFORD (Lab) said waste must be cut out. In the past charities had wasted too much money and there had been jealousy between them.

He and other voluntary workers were once described as a gang of homosexuals trying to help other homosexuals.

When it was pointed out (he said) that I had eight children it was said that this was just cover. (Laughter.)

LADY PIKE, national chairman of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, in a maiden speech, said some present day taxation was putting an almost intolerable strain on some of the volunteers working in the different projects.

LORD NORTHBOURNE of SOW-ERBY (Con) said he was the first chairman of the Young Volunteer Force Foundation but the young volunteers, although filling gaps in the fleet of others, were making good something missing in their own. Was this the only way to do so?

Those children had no access to the type of adventure which the Prince of Wales was talking about. The opportunity for adventure was

pecial effort expected om Irish team

Peter Ryde
orrespondent
ley, June 25
ninth European amateur eam championship begins tomorrow. The number ntries participating, 18, has een higher. England have e last three championships ve been held in alternate years.

are hosts for the first aving exchanged dates with d who took over the event t at short notice.

format of the event is us. Whatever the number ntries taking part, each f six are assured of three *off, and although, as in all* dional events, some of the e teams can never think of there are minor triumphs ntries to hold their interest. is not the least of the of this form of play that day evening a complete f merit from one to 18 will een worked out.

first day—one round of play by all competitors—cide the flights in which ntries will compete against her in matchplay. The top an hardly fail to contain r home countries for it of eight. The champion will be that which surree rounds of matchplay in ction. With the Walker nch close behind, it had *ay to guess the main part* nglish and Scottish teams. have their five from St s—James, Eyles, Davies, and Poxon, and the last s been filled by Marks. otland's four Walker Cup players—Green, Macgregor, Hutcheon and Smart—have been added their Walker Cup reserve and champion, Murray, and Stephen. The host country are an uncertain quantity. In 1973 they were under something of a cloud, having failed to qualify for the first flight to the disappointment of their always numerous and enthusiastic supporters. A special effort can be expected of them this week, as indeed it can from an organization which has been spending a deal of money for many months in preparation.

Killarney is a bright place and no doubt full advantage will be taken of its beauty to promote the golfing delights of the island. The programmes tend to reflect the national characteristics of the host country. But whereas in Germany there was a great deal of useful information about the format of the event and the times of the local bus service, the Irish programme, equally lavish, covers the bones of the event with a liberal supply of colour and articles on wide-ranging subjects including a tribute to the late Lord Castleross by Lord Killanin.

ENGLAND: J. C. Davies, R. Eyles, P. Hedges, M. James, G. Marks, M. Poxon.

IRELAND: E. Dunne, L. Elliott, J. Harrington, E. Malone, P. Mulcare, H. Smyth.

SCOTLAND: C. W. Green, I. Hutcheon, G. Macgregor, G. Murray, S. Stephen, H. Stuart.

WALES: J. Jermine, D. McLean, J. Povah, H. Squirrell, J. Toye, W. Tucker.

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usan Higgs, a 31-year-old r of physical education at ewan University, yesterv into Britain to take the Miss Marilyn Palmer in s side for the fifth Comlth tournament which nday at Ganton.

on Monday; it was diagat Miss Palmer, Canada's t woman amateur, was suffrom a mild version of fever, Mrs Julia Diditch, adian captain, telephoned *ingdale Golf Club, Lon*tario, in order to find Higgs's home number. As uld have it, Dr Higgs was the practice ground with band when that call came

"In fact", she ex- "I'd been there all day, g in a temperature of 90

esday she spent another ng day getting hold of a but on arrival here yesfternoon said that she was fine and directly after g raising ceremony set ractise.

h Dr Higgs is a player nty of length and experianada obviously have sufsevere blow in losing Miss As Mrs Diditch pointed out, the Canadian side are at a slight disadvantage in any case because the Commonwealth tournament takes place so early in their golfing season. Today, Canada meet Great Britain, the holders and, indeed, the winners of all four Commonwealth tournaments that have been played.

Though many regret that, because of the timing of the team selection, the home team are without Suzanne Cadden, runner-up in the British women's championship, the British players are all in good form. The Australians, however, may well take some beating for, though they finished at the bottom of the table in the last Commonwealth tournament in New Zealand in 1971, the overall standard in their country has risen dramatically over the last couple of years.

Mrs Sandra McCaw, the Australian amateur champion, is possibly the most impressive competitor in the field. A player with a superb shoulder turn and plenty of length, Mrs McCaw, like the vivacious Jane Lock, came up through the junior training camp of Victoria. Nowadays held throughout Australia, these camps —held twice a year for five or six days at a time—are for girls who are reckoned by their clubs to be showing talent and interest.

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gland complete training hout injury problems

ey, June 25.—England's League coach, Alex was confident of his chances in their world atch against Australia here rday. "You can put your on us—we'll win for *Murphy* said after the team finished a workout any injury problems.

England captain, Millward, a knock i ntraining when ded with the lock forward. n, but he later stretched ely.

alia also went through a training period, during the second row forward, proved his fitness. has been receiving treatr a stomach muscle injury. Langlands, the Australian was impressed with his workout. "It will be a me on Saturday", he said. e have a few tricks up our and we intend to keep our n record in the series

internationals are included New Zealand Maori team t Wales at Rotorua on July hey are Orchard, Munro, s, Proctor and Sorensen.

The selectors have also named four others who have played for New Zealand in previous seasons —a full back, Wilson, halfback, Key, second row forward, Liavaa and Lock, Bolton.

The two Canterbury players injured yesterday during the match against the Welsh have now been discharged from hospital in Christchurch. Broadhurst, who was carried from the field unconscious after being felled by a punch, was treated for concussion, while the other Canterbury casualty, Lawrence, was discharged after treatment for two broken ribs.

Both the Welsh and Canterbury coaches today condemned the handling of the game by the referee, Tony Drake. Wales won 25—18. The Welsh coach, Les Pearce, said the referee lost control and ruined the game by not clamping down early; the Canterbury coach, Gary Clarke, said if the match had been a club game someone would have been ordered off. An angry group of Canterbury supporters gathered outside the Welsh dressing room after the match to protest against the rough play.—Reuter.

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lquetil ready to concede ur record to Merckx

, June 25.—Eddy Merckx, elgian world champion, is e all-conquering cyclist he o be, but it is difficult to yone preventing him from a record sixth victory in our de France cycle race starts tomorrow. The man Jacques Anquetil, the ther man to have won five has said he will lose his to Merckx this year.

ckx, aged 30, missed the of Italy with a throat infecnd did not look at his best ier of the pre-Tour classics, Dauphine Libere in France ne Tour of Switzerland.

France he was beaten by rd Thevenet, a Frenchman has threatened the leading for the past five years, and itzerland he fell to his old n rival, Roger De Vlaeminck. ne experts are convinced that er is coming into form just right time. Thevenet said: n Merckx at 80 per cent of otential is good enough to the rest of us."

er a brilliant ride in the Alps g the Dauphine, which left kx 10 minutes adrift and the f the field even farther back, enet became one of the rites to beat the Belgian r in the Tour.

t the 27-year-old Frenchman, was born in a village called uidon (handlebar), has often uced a brilliant ride on one only to collapse completely next, so it is difficult to see winning a 2,512-mile event h lasts 25 days.

e most serious danger for ckx could be Joop Zoetemelk, e Netherlands, who dominated in the early Paris-Nice weekclassic and has since used season as a build-up to the year's Tour threatened to put an end to his career, but the 28-year-old Dutchman has now recovered all his former class. Zoetemelk said: "For me the most dangerous time will be the first nine stages taking us from Belgium to the Pyrenees. It is in this part of the race that it is easiest to be trapped. But once we are in the mountains, I can beat anyone."

Apart from Zoetemelk and Thevenet, there will be a strong Spanish and Italian challenge to Merckx. The Spanish in particular look dangerous. José Manuel Fuente has done nothing all season but many experts find this suspicious from such a brilliant rider in the mountains and suspect he is preparing an all-out attack in the Pyrenees. Behind him will be Francisco Galdos, Vicente Lopez Carril and Gonzalo Aja, all of whom gave Merckx trouble in the hills last year.

No one believes any longer in the chances of Luis Ocana, including the rider himself. The Spaniard has got over the injuries and illnesses that have dogged him since he won the Tour two years ago, but he seems to have lost the drive which made him such an exceptional rider.

The Italian assault will be led by Gianbattista Baronchelli and Francesco Moser, but most people believe these two are not tough enough to win an event as long as the Tour. Several French riders should do well, including 39-year-old Raymond Poulidor, who will be competing in the Tour for the thirteenth time.

The British challenge will once more be mounted by Barry Hoban, who will be riding in Zoetemelk's team. The 35-year-old Yorkshireman can be expected to grab at least one stage win. He is not a good climber but is outstandingly fast in sprint finishes.—Reuter.

Boxing

The first man in the light of the sun does not come out until noonday

From Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

Kuala Lumpur, June 25

The correct training for the boxing ring has always been a matter of empiricism ever since the early prize fighters were advised to have a daily glass of port and the occasional drawing of blood by a physician. Joe Bugner and Muhammad Ali's "workouts" in the past few hours here today have been a clear reminder of that and of how far the sport still lags behind the scientific methods of preparation in athletics and swimming at the top level.

You could start, as I did, at 4.0 this morning when, having attended a lavish and jovial party given by one of the promoters, "Mr Mike Ong of Showbiz International", I returned to my hotel to find that Ali's cohorts were preparing for the descent of the great man from his twenty-fifth floor suite for a run round the local racecourse. Having run with Bugner on the same turf only a few hours before, I was moved to change into shorts and a tee shirt (advertising the world rowing championships at Nottingham) and accompany the world champion on the jog about which he speaks so proudly.

The lift doors were held open on the twenty-fifth floor by Ali's side, Howard Bingham, who assured me, "He'll be down in just a minute". Ten minutes later the news came that Ali had changed his mind. It seemed pleasantly human, if hardly a sign of complete dedication, to consider that Ali was, at the moment, perhaps turning over lazily in bed and murmuring, "No, not today". I was left to jog alone through the deserted streets while a group of disappointed Malaysian supporters of Ali drifted away from the hotel lobby back to their homes.

Five hours later Bugner entered the Negara Sports Hall to have what was announced as his final sparring before next Tuesday's world heavyweight championship. He boxed, first, the "Irish" Pat Duncan, a worn American he laboriously outpointed in London in March, 1974, and then a Norwegian named Bjorn Rudi. Bugner looked magnificent, slim-waisted and yet muscular, in tight-fitting red shorts, bursting with good health and, to my mind, showing many of the technical inadequacies which have brought him much criticism in the past.

His left jab was as solid as a beam when he chose to launch long-range attacks: but when he bit on his gum shield, frowned aggressively and punched out with both hands he was leaning back and swinging his blows sideways like a man shutting a door in a temper. He knocked Duncan about a bit, but when he went up against the ropes, with gloves supposedly guarding his head, his defence was sometimes pierced by uppercuts. Bugner did not seem hurt at all, just a little flushed afterwards when he, briefly, and his manager, Andy Smith, at length held a press conference which seemed strangled by non-sequiturs.

Since the British contingent of visitors are either biased for or against Bugner to an extraordinary degree, I turned my attention to my American colleagues. They have not been impressed by Ali's two latest title defences against Chuck Wepner (won, referee stopped contest, fifteenth round) and Ron Lyle (won, referee stopped contest, eleventh round). They like the idea of a British challenger. But there were puzzled frowns at what they had just seen during the sparring.

Dick Young, of the *New York Daily News*, shook his head and asked politely, "Why is our hero leaning back like that when he flaps away? Joe seems in great shape, but where are the combination punches? And when he comes in close the guy drops his head forward. Actually, it looked to me like he was practising playing rough. Did you see the forearm across the throat and the pushing and pulling? But what about putting his shots together?"

Ali emerged from his hotel at lunch time for training and, though noticeably soft and thick about the midriff, impressed some onlookers by having six rounds on the speed bag, four at skipping and two at shadow boxing. Between rounds he swallowed a great deal of orange juice while the sweat was washed off him like a miniature waterfall.

Oh, yes. Ali had a few words to shout at Mr Smith. They included such plastic gems as "The Queen and Duke of Earldom (sic) sent you. He's (Bugner) a nice guy, but he wants my job. I'm the resurrecter, the prophet, the saviour. Pick up your garments and follow me. I'm the original man. You know what he is? He's the first in the light of the sun." Outside, the billboards insisted that this would be "the fight of a lifetime".

Mini press conference. Bugner, assessed "O level standard in the general certificate of pugilism" -makes friends with Malaysian children after making war with his sparring partners.

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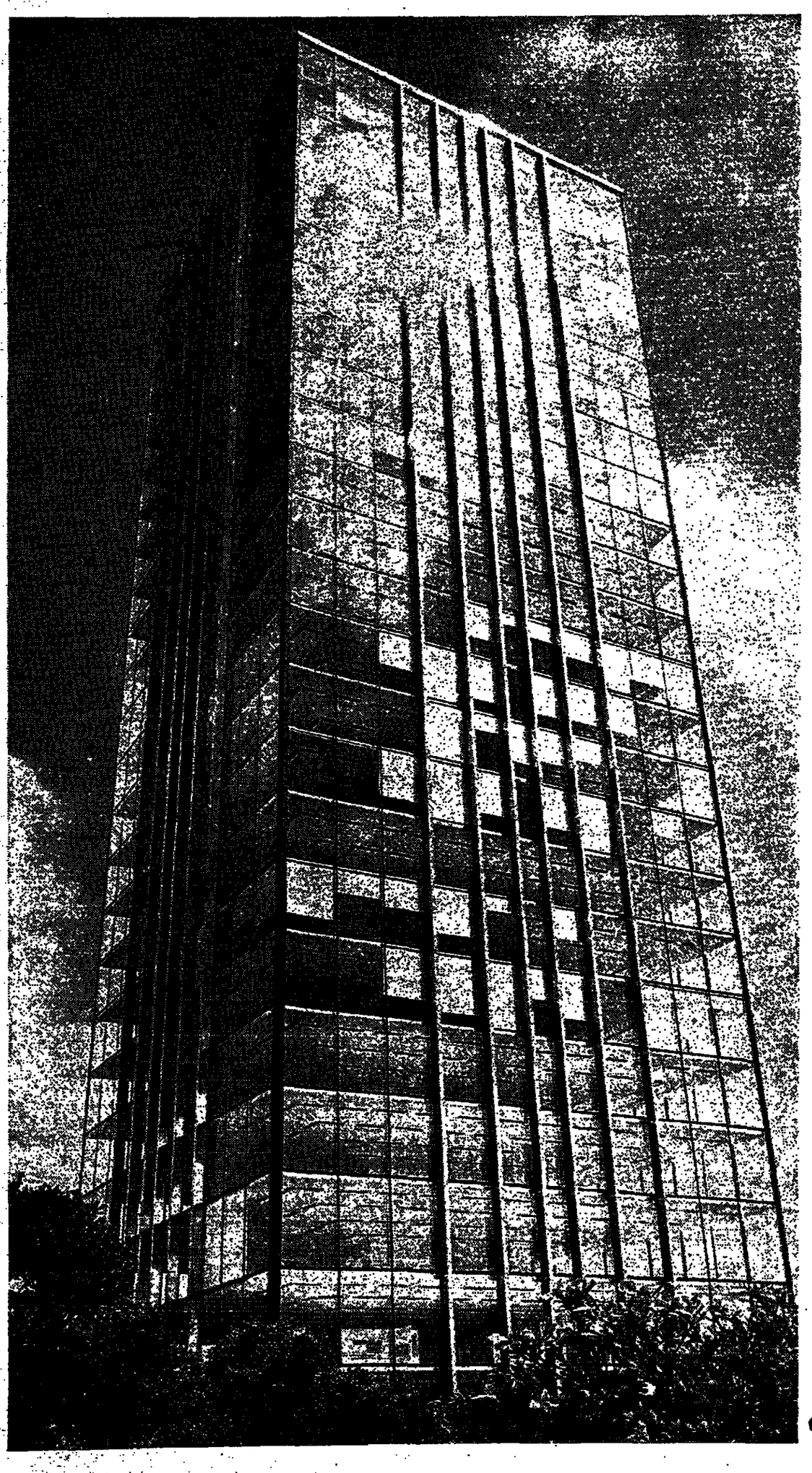

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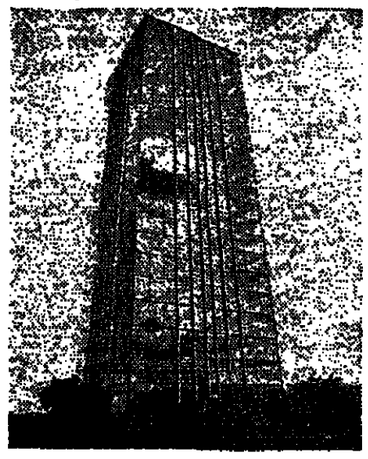

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SPORT

Tennis

Two Queenslanders and a Texan upset the seedings

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Two Queenslanders and the best player to emerge from Baytown, Texas, formerly known as Goose Creek, thumped seeded players into temporay oblivion on the third day of Wimbledon.

The Texan, Sherwood Stewart, beat Ilie Nastase. Paul Kronk, from Caloundra (which sounds almost as unlikely as Goose Creek), shook off John Alexander in three successive tie-breaks. Geoffrey Masters, from Brisbane, who lost the first two sets and saved a match point at 5—6 in the fourth, beat the 1973 champion, Jan Kodes.

The first seeded woman to lose was Kerry Reid (née Melville), who has been bothered by a leg muscle and had to retire when 4—6 and 0—1 down to Susan Barker of Paignton, aged 19. There was drama of a different and more personal nature while Margaret Court, three times champion, was beating Dianne Fromholtz. " All my press studs came undone, right down to my navel—twice ", said Mrs Court. " I didn't see the balls go past. I was worrying about doing up the press studs. Then the elastic in my pants broke. I had a good time on the centre court. . . . "

The gates were closed at 5 o'clock because Wimbledon was bursting at the seams. The crowd of more than 37,000 smashed the previous record by about 3,000. Singles seeds were scheduled to play on 14 of the 15 courts and the exception, court eight, featured Alexander Metreveli and Judy Dalton, who have both been runners-up for the respective singles championships.

Those spectators who missed the seeding upsets probably saw the kind of crisis that briefly promises such an upset: because Bjorn Borg, Raul Ramirez and Tom Okker all had to recoil from adversity.

It was, in short, a ludicrously eventful day, the kind we shall talk about when children yet unborn ask us what it was like in the old days—and who on earth were Stewart and Masters and Kronk ?

Stewart is 29, big, and bearded. He graduated from college in 1969 and worked as a tennis coach and salesman until May, 1971. When he began to compete full-time in March he had a cartilage operation that kept him out of the game for two months. Yesterday, cramp threatened his mobility in the fourth set but he managed to relax, took some salt tablets and glucose, and finally beat Nastase 8—6, 6—8, 6—2, 1—6, 6—3.

" In his prime I would probably never have beaten the guy ", said Stewart later. " I don't put so much emphasis on beating him now." Nastase's matchless talent is still there, but the spirit driving it seems to have waned. The hunger for conquest has abated. The entertainer has subdued the competitor.

The match had many crises. The chief of them came in the fifth set when Nastase, who had been 1—4 down, was serving at 3—4 and 40—30. Stewart hit a swinging backhand down the line that may have been out and may have tickled the line. Nastase and his schoolgirl supporters made a fuss, but the point stood. Stewart then played a winning backhand dink and Nastase volleyed tamely into the net to go 3—5 down. He smashed his racket into the ground and had to replace it.

" That almost broke my concentration ", said Stewart. " You don't like interruption when you're serving for the match. I said to myself, ' keep your cool '." He did, too. He was certainly no more nervous than Nastase. On Stewart's second match point a service to the backhand provoked an error that will doubtless be recorded in the historical minutiae of Goose Creek, Texas (or Baytown, or whatever it is).

Kronk is 20 and already has a considerable reputation among his compatriots. The solid skills and unyielding tenacity of his win over Alexander merely confirmed what we knew and marked a sudden stride forward for this talented youngster. Masters, 24, is better known for his doubles than his singles. He and Ross Case won last year's Australian championship and have twice qualified for the World Championship Tennis play-off series. But in singles Masters is among the group of Australians in their middle twenties who, on a good day, are always capable of upsetting better known players—especially those, like Kodes and Nastase, who have lost much of the surging authority they once commanded.

Haroon Rahim, from Lahore, served for the match against Okker after rather luckily breaking service to 6—5 in the third set. Rahim had been serving well (and also hitting some fluent backhand returns). But in that crucial game he scored only one point. He did lead 3—1 in the fourth set. But his nerves were fraying. The assurance was draining out of him. By contrast, Okker was at his best in the crisis and, having survived it, played his best tennis of the match to win 11 successive games. Unlike Rahim, he is no man to let his fish off the hook.

Borg had some bother with Milan Holecek and Ramirez took a long time to settle down against Jeff Borowiak, who began the match as if tennis was the simplest of exercises in geometry and ballistics. In the first set Ramirez scored only 12 points. Then he found the gear he needed, precariously won the next two sets, and had little further cause for concern against a player whose inspiration and accuracy had deserted him. " For three weeks I begin every match slowly ", said Ramirez, champion of Italy. " But I don't worry. Because I know I will get better."

Ken Rosewall beat John Feaver, of Dorset, in a pleasant match on the centre court. Rosewall always seemed to be a move ahead. Wherever Feaver put the ball, Rosewall was usually waiting. No matter how thoughtfully Feaver moved into position, Rosewall seemed to have an uncanny knack of guiding the ball somewhere else. When Feaver was serving at four-all and 40—30 in the third set, he made a mistake by serving to Rosewall's backhand. Deuce. Feaver then made another mistake by serving to Rosewall's forehand. Advantage Rosewall. That closed all the options. Feaver worked hard and often played well. But his only advantages over Rosewall were in terms of service velocity and vertical inches.

Robin Drysdale also lost: after spending his entire Wimbledon playing lowly ranked Americans on court six. Britain, though, had two winners in the men's event: Mark Cox and Graham Stilwell, the joint heroes of Britain's remarkable 1969 Davis Cup run. Britain are still going well, too, in the women's event.

On any other day we could have chatted at length about many other matches, not least that in which Carlos Kirmayr, that remarkably pertinacious Brazilian, kept Brian Gottfried on court for three hours and 40 minutes. But this was a day that belonged to Queensland, to Texas, to Mrs Court's problems with studs and elastic, and to the public who turned up in unprecedented numbers to enjoy all the fun.

Sherwood Stewart, the Texan, who Rex Bellamy says, " thumped Ilie Nastase into " temporary oblivion " at Wimbledon yesterday.

Amritraj meditates as the thunder rolls in

By Geoffrey Green

The contrast between Connors and Vijay Amritraj in the sunshine of court one was as wide as the beach at Madras of childhood memory. The fact that the champion moved on to round three of the singles by 9—8, 6—0, 8—6 was doubtless expected, although Amritraj on his day has tested the best.

No, the real difference lay in the men themselves and their manner and style of play. Connors was all-American bustle and hunched aggression, a piece of clockwork fully wound up. When he hit a shot he really meant it, and you could hear it. His overhead smashes were cracks of thunder from the Catskill Mountains; his swift, aggressive command of the net for the killing volley were shafts of summer lightning.

Yet it took him two hours and threequarters to wear down his Indian foe. Amritraj, upright as a dark stiletto, wore an inscrutable eastern mask, a sphinx hiding whatever fires burned inside. A gentle player of touch and grace, he persuaded the ball, caressed it rather than assaulted it. It was meditation against New World get up and go.

Amritraj was noble, silent, beautiful and remote—but a loser. One can repeat, on paper, some of his strokes, but not his way of achieving them, without which they would be as nothing. His forehand and backhand crosscourt passes, for example, were genuine pearls, but not strung sufficiently together to make the desired necklace. They were a luxury, it seemed, rather than a necessity. It was when Connors turned the screw for the big points that the Indian failed, and that proved to be his undoing.

He should have taken the opening set, for instance. He led 3—0 and 40—0 on Connor's service. At that moment the American brilliantly picked up a delicate dropshot, won the point to Amritraj's applause, and gradually moved out of his sluggish beginning, breaking back at 2—3 and unwinding the games up to 8—8 and the tie-break. At the end of an hour and a quarter that codicil to the opening set finally went to the champion by 7—4.

Vijay Amritraj: player touch and grace.

Next Connors swept to 6—0, swept be the right word, sir four of those games reach deuce. Indeed, it was called eig times in the final game before t whitewash.

A match that broke in beat and set in contrasting storm-series of dazzling strokes in t last game of all, shots off the sho laces, passes and volleys that call forth smiles and banter from ea man and roars from the pack gallery—it is possible to say th there were 15 deuce games fro the total of 37 played and th deuce was called 34 times. Amritr served 11 clean aces agair Connor's one, eight double-faul against four, and lost. All that m be useless information imparti in a way no one can understan but that is the mathematics tennis and its subtle genius scoring.

Connors is never one for playi second fiddle these days, and the lay the basic difference. He is winner by instinct; Amritraj wan ily when it comes to th crunch. A fire seemed to die i his body at those moments.

Yesterday's results on third day of Wimbledon

Men's singles

First round

R. L. Case (Australia) beat R. I. Kreiss (US), 7—9, 6—3, 6—1, 8—9, 6—3.

Second round

B. Mitton (SA) beat R. O. Ruffels (Australia), 6—4, 3—0, rtd.
G. VILAS (Argentina) beat R. J. Moore (SA), 6—4, 6—3, 6—1.
R. TANNER (US) beat V. Pecci (Paraguay), 6—3, 6—4, 9—8.
K. R. ROSEWALL (Australia) beat J. W. Feaver (GB), 6—4, 6—4, 6—4.
A. D. ROCHE (Australia) beat J. Ganzabal (Argentina), 6—3, 6—2, 6—4.
C. M. Pasarell (US) beat P. Gerken (US), 6—3, 6—3, 6—1.
M. C. REISSEN (US) beat G. S. Dibley (Australia), 9—8, 6—2, 6—3.
R. RAMIREZ (Mexico) beat J. Borowiak (US), 1—6, 9—8, 9—7, 6—3.
M. Estep (US) beat R. W. Drysdale (GB), 9—8, 3—7, 6—4, 6—4.
A. R. ASHE (US) beat J. Kamiwazumi (Japan), 6—2, 7—5, 6—4.
M. Cox (GB) beat J. Loyo-Mayo (Mexico), 6—3, 3—6, 6—1, 6—3.
J. S. CONNORS (US) beat V. Amritraj (India), 9—8, 6—0, 8—6.
B. BORG (Sweden) beat M. Holecek (stateless), 3—6, 6—3, 6—4, 9—8.
B. E. Gottfried (US) beat C. Kirmayr (Brazil), 4—6, 7—5, 9—8, 4—6, 6—4.
T. S. OKKER (Netherlands) beat H. Rahim (Pakistan), 8—9, 4—6, 9—7, 6—3, 6—0.
O. PARUN (NZ) beat T. Svensson (Sweden), 6—2, 1—0, rtd.
P. C. Kronk (Australia) beat J. G. ALEXANDER (Australia), 1—6, 9—8, 9—8, 9—8.
G. Masters (Australia) beat J. KODES (Czechoslovakia), 2—6, 2—6, 8—6, 6—4, 6—4.
S. E. Stewart (US) beat I. NASTASE (Romania), 8—6, 6—8, 6—2, 1—6, 6—3.
A. Metreveli (USSR) beat J. F. Caujolle (France), 5—7, 6—4, 6—2, 6—2.
G. R. Stilwell (GB) beat G. E. Reid (US), 5—7, 6—3, 7—5, 9—8, 6—3.
A. Panatta (Italy) beat I. El Shafei (UAR), 4—6, 6—4, 6—4, 3—6, 6—4.
J. Fillol (Chile) beat C. Mukerjea (India), 6—3, 3—6, 6—2, 6—4.
B. Andersson (Sweden) beat H. Hose (Venezuela), 4—6, 6—3, 8—6.
A. J. Pattison (Rhodesia) beat R. Bertram (SA), 9—7, 4—6, 1—6, 8—6, 6—1.
P. C. Dent (Australia) beat R. D. Crealy (Australia), 5—7, 7—5, 6—3, 7—5.
C. Owens (US) beat J. Fassbender (Germany), 3—6, 6—1, 6—3, 6—1.
G. C. Richey (US) beat B. Taroczy (Hungary), 9—7, 6—4, 9—8.
V. Pinner (Germany) leads W. J. Austin (US), 6—4, 3—6, 9—8.
A. Mayer (US) leads M. R. Edmondson (Australia), 6—3, 6—0, 6—6.
K. G. Warwick (Australia) leads P. Dominguez (France), 4—6, 8—6, 7—5.

Women's singles

First round

Miss M. Gurdal (Belgium) beat Miss N. Sato (Japan), 6—1, 6—1.
Miss K. Wooldridge (GB) beat Miss L. Blachford (GB), 3—6, 6—1, 6—2.
Miss B. F. Stove (Netherlands) beat Miss H. Anliot (Sweden), 6—2, 6—8, 6—2.
Miss I. Riedel (Germany) beat Miss B. Downs (US), 5—7, 6—0, 7—5.
Miss P. A. Reese (US) beat Miss C. F. Matison (Australia), 3—6, 6—2, 6—1.
Miss P. S. Hogan (US) beat Miss A. K. Kiyomura (US), 6—2, 6—2.
Miss P. A. Teeguarden (US) beat Miss D. Ganz (US), 6—2, 6—3.
Miss K. Sawamatsu (Japan) beat Miss L. M. Tenny (US), 6—5, 9—3.
Miss F. Bonicelli (Uruguay) beat Miss Y. Vermaak (US), 4—6, 6—2, 6—0.
Miss J. K. Anthony (US) beat Mrs M. Forsgardh (Sweden), 6—3, 6—2.
Miss L. Boshoff (SA) beat Mrs M. N. Pinter (Czechoslovakia), 6—0, 6—1.
Miss G. Stevens (SA) beat Mrs J. Bentzer (Sweden), 6—2, 6—2.
MRS B. COURT (Australia) beat Miss D. Fromholtz (Australia), 6—1, 6—2.

Second round

MRS O. MOROZOVA (USSR) beat Miss F. Durr (France), 6—3, 4—6, 6—1.
Miss L. Mottram (GB) beat Miss B. Cuypers (SA), 6—3, 6—3.
Miss J. M. Connor (NZ) beat Miss F. Guedy (France), 6—3, 3—6, 14—12.
Mrs T. Zwaan (Netherlands) beat Miss A. M. Nasuelli (Italy), 7—5, 6—8.
Miss N. Y. Chmyriova (USSR) beat Miss C. Meyer (US), 6—3, 6—3.
Mrs P. M. Doerner (Australia) beat Mrs J. G. Paish (GB), 8—6, 6—0.
Miss R. A. Whitehouse (SA) beat Miss T. Holladay (US), 6—3, 6—4.
Mrs P. Darmon (France) beat Miss V. Ruzici (Romania), 6—8, 6—2, 9—7.
Miss S. Barker (GB) beat MRS G. E. REID (Australia), 6—4, 1—0 rtd.
MISS C. M. EVERT (US) beat Miss E. Appel (Netherlands), 6—0, 6—1.
MRS R. CAWLEY (Australia) beat Miss H. M. Gourlay (Australia), 3—6, 6—1, 6—1.

Men's doubles

First round

T. S OKKER (Netherlands) and M. C. RIESSEN (US) beat M. J. Farrell and J. M. Lloyd (GB), 6—4, 6—2, 6—3.

Olga Morozova, who beat Francoise Durr yesterday.

Today's order of play at Wimbledon

CENTRE: J. S. Connors v M. Cox; Miss L. E. Hunt v Miss R. Casals; M. Lara and J. Loyo-Mayo v J. S. Connors and I. Nastase; B. Borg and G. Vilas v P. Gerken and H. Rahim.

ONE: R. Ramirez v A. Panatta; Miss I. Riedel v Miss S. V. Wade; A. Panatta and I. Tiriac v P. Cornejo and J. Fillol; I. Molina and J. Velasco v M. Cox and R. Taylor.

TWO: B. E. Gottfried v A. R. Ashe; Mrs L. W. King v Miss V. Burton; B. Andersson v K. R. Rosewall; C. M. Pasarell and R. Tanner v J. W. Feaver and J. G. Paish; Miss V. Burton and Miss C. Molesworth v Miss L. J. Charles and Miss S. Mappin.

THREE: J. Fillol v B. Borg; Miss S. Mappin v Miss M. Navratilova; S. E. Stewart v M. Estep; A. R. Ashe and E. J. Van Dillen v W. L. Brown and N. Spear; Miss E. Appel and Miss T. Zwaan v Miss R. Casals and Mrs L. W. King.

FOUR: U. Pinner v W. J. Austin (to finish); Miss S. Greer v Mrs B. M. Court; G. Masters v G. C. Richey; J. G. Alexander and P. C. Dent v S. Ball and R. J. Carmichael; Miss L. Roget and Miss E. S. Weisenberger v Mrs B. M. Court and Miss S. V. Wade.

FIVE: C. M. Pasarell v M. C. Riessen; Mrs K. Wooldridge v Miss S. A. Walsh; A. Metreveli v A. J. Pattison; Mrs I. Hume and Mrs K. Wooldridge v Miss D. E. Dalton and Miss J. A. Young; T. J. Kakulia and A. Metreveli v W. Fibak and F. V. McNair.

SIX: P. Dominguez v K. M. Warwick (to finish); G. R. Stilwell v P. C. Kronk; Miss G. L. Coles v Miss F. Bonicelli; C. St Dibley and A. D. Roche v J. Hrebec and J. Kodes; Miss C. M. Evert and Miss M. Navratilova v Miss J. Walker and Miss K. Walker.

SEVEN: F. V. McNair v R. L. Case; Mrs K. S. Gunter v Miss L. Boshoff; Miss J. L. Dimond v Miss K. A. Payter; I. El Shafei and J. Koch v P. Smoke and B. Taroczy; Miss J. A. Anthony and Mrs O. Morozova v Miss J. S. Newberry and Miss S. A. Walsh.

EIGHT: A. Mayer v M. R. Edmondson (to finish); R. Tanner v C. Owens; Miss R. Whitehouse v Miss L. J. Charles; B. E. Gottfried and R. Ramirez v M. R. Edmondson and S. R. Wright; Mrs R. Cawley and Miss M. Michel v Miss H. Anliot and Miss M. B. Wikstedt.

NINE: B. Mitton v P. C. Dent; Miss R. C. Glacaley v Miss P. Hogan; Miss B. Nagelsen v Miss B. F. Stove; Miss P. Hogan and Mrs C. Vlotman v Mrs J. Bentzer and Miss R. J. Tanney; Miss P. A. Teeguarden and Miss R. Tomanova v Miss E. May and Miss G. S. Stevens.

TEN: Miss R. J. Tenney v Miss J. Sawamatsu; Miss L. Dupont v Miss G. R. Stevens; Miss D. De Roubin v Miss M. Guerdal; J. Mandarino and T. Vasquez v M. Holecek and K. Meiler (Germany); W. J. Austin and C. W. Owens v J. B. Chanfreau and V. Pecci.

ELEVEN: Miss J. Anthony v M. P. Pelsachov; Mrs D. Dalton v Miss Beaven; Miss M. Janbovec v Miss P. Teeguarden; C. Dowdeswell and A. Stone v K. Hirai and T. Sakai; Crealy and N. Pilic v J. C. Sml and L. C. Turville.

TWELVE: Miss V. Ziegenfuss v M. P. Darmon; Miss M. Michel v Miss Pericoli; Miss N. Fuchs v Miss P. Reese; P. Dominguez and W. N'Go rella v J. D. Bartlett and J. Kuki; Mi L. Boshoff and Miss I. Kloss v Miss Geeves and Miss M. Tyler.

THIRTEEN: Miss T. Zwaan v Mi K. A. May; Miss I. Kloss v Miss Rupert; Mrs P. Doerner v Miss Tyler; J. K. Andrews and M. Machett v J. Borowiak and J. McManus; Mi D. Fromholtz and Miss R. Giscafre Miss F. Mihai and Miss N. Sato.

FOURTEEN: Miss R. Tomanova Miss J. Connor; Miss N. Chmyrieva Miss C. Molesworth; Miss J. S. Newberry v Miss M. Kaligis; Mrs B. Jorde and Miss M. Simionescu v Miss Dupont and Miss W. Turnbull; Miss J. Dimond and Miss P. J. Moor v Miss H. Eisterlehner and Miss I. Riedel.

TO BE ARRANGED: Miss B. Cuyper and Miss R. A. Whitehouse v Miss Durr and Miss B. F. Stove; Miss L. F. Hunt and Miss V. J. Ziegenfuss Miss C. F. Matison and Miss P. Whytcross, Miss T. Holladay and Mi C. Mayer v Miss N. Fuchs and Mrs Pelsachov.

Racing

Handicapper has been lenient with Sunblast

By Michael Seely

The three-day Newcastle summer meeting begins this afternoon. Although this fixture has inevitably been shorn of much of its former glory there are few more pleasant places to watch racing than Gosforth Park in June. Newcastle represents just about the stiffest test for thoroughbreds in the country. The straight course is entirely uphill, and on the round course the runners start to climb about seven furlongs from home.

This inevitably ensures exciting racing as the picture tends to change rapidly in the closing stages as the front-runners tire and the stayers start to find their stride. This is why the Northumberland Plate, the centrepiece of Saturday's card is so difficult to win and is such a coveted prize. This gruelling two miles ruthlessly exposes any weakness in stamina and it is rare to find any top weights equal to the task.

The highest weight on record carried to victory in this race was the 9 st 5 lb carried by Pappatea in 1948. Good horse that the Ascot Stakes winner, Crash Course, is, his 9 st 13 lb will seem an exacting burden on Saturday.

Pride of place in this afternoon's card goes to the Dobson Peacock Handicap. This one mile race is named in honour of the late Dobson Peacock father of Matthew and grandfather of Richard, the present occupant of Manor House, Middleham. Both Dobson and Matt Peacock accomplished during their lifetime the remarkable feat of training more than 100 winners in a season, one at the turn of the century and the other in 1972. Although Arthur Stephenson turns out his century of winners as regularly as clockwork under National Hunt rules, it is rarely done on the flat.

In the annals of Yorkshire racing the name of Peacock ranks equal in stature to that of Leader and Jarvis at Newmarket. Although there is no Peacock runner in this afternoon's race, a keen contest is assured. Good chances can be given to Redesdale, Green Signal, Frisky Ruler and Sunblast. Although Redesdale showed signs of returning to his best when fourth to Dance All Night in the Thirsk Hunt Cup, 9 st 12 lb may prove too much.

Frisky Ruler is undeniably well handicapped, but disappointed when only seventh of eight behind Fastacre at Epsom. I shall regard the race as a match between Green Signal and Sunblast. Green Signal took the Northern Free Handicap on this course as a three-year-old, but then failed to score again. He has run consistently well this season and won a race at Pontefract with all the conditions in his favour. Last time out he finished third under 9 st 6 lb in the handicap won by Quick Attraction at York.

John Seagrave told Pat Rohan afterwards that one and a quarter miles was too far for Green Signal. The trainer thinks that the colt has recovered his best form and is undeniably more leniently treated than for a long time. The only fly in the ointment is Sunblast, trained by Douglas Smith. Sunblast was difficult to train last season, only running three times. If you take her final outing when second to Patula at Newmarket, conceding that previous winner 22 lb, there is no doubt that Sunblast appears to be a blot on this afternoon's handicap.

Timeform rate her as having 19 lb in hand of her nearest rival today. Sunblast has not lived up to that promise in her three races this season.

Our Newmarket correspondent says that Sunblast has been working well recently. On the prevailing fast ground I expect to see her pull in the weight tell against Green Signal. A horse that performed creditably at Ascot last week was the four-year-old maiden Rapid Pass, who finished seventh behind Blood Royal in the Queen's Vase. Last winter Rapid Pass turned out to be a smart hurdler.

Rapid Pass needs a thorough test of stamina and a galloping course. He has a good opportunity to exploit his talents in the Stocksfield Maiden Stayers Stakes this afternoon.

Results from Ripon evening meeting

7.0: 1, Blue Baron (7-2); 2, Moray (evens fav); 3, Molly's Beau (6-1). 6 ran.
7.25: 1, Fast Music (5-1); 2, Easby Saint (evens fav); 3, Blue Jet (6-1). 10 ran.
7.50: 1, Lush Gold (11-8 fav); 2, Knaresboro (15-8); 3, Crimson Dawn (12-1). 3 ran.
8.20: 1, Fingers (20-1); 2, Little Tom (4-1); 3, Kalgoorlie (5-1). Right Beauty and Brag 7-2 jt favs. 12 ran.
8.50: 1, Two Ronnies (9-4); 2, Hot Spot (10-11 fav); 3, Sorbonne (6-1). 7 ran. Golden Victory (9-1) withdrawn, Rule 4 applies—deduction 10p in £.
9.20: 1, Dubello (1-2 fav); 2, Dunstan (33-1); 3, Safety Walk (5-1). 10 ran. The Meller and Wetherby did not run.

STATE OF GOING (official): Salisbury: Firm. Liverpool: Straight course, firm; round course, hard. Newcastle: Good to firm. Lingfield Park (tomorrow): Good to firm (watering). Doncaster: Good to firm.

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Liverpool programme

2.30 ATLANTIC PLATE (2-y-o : £345 : 6f)

2 00 Aintree Boy (W. Davies), K. Payne, 8-11 ...... S. Eccles 7 10
5 200042 Dave's Equal (K. Chapman), T. Fairhurst, 8-11 W. Carson 6
6 000 Foxwood Boy (P. Chalmers), A. Jarvis, 8-11 .... M. Thomas 7
7 00 Hope For Gold (Mrs Wilson), T. Corrie, 8-11 .... D. Ryan 9
10 030 O'Conna (B. Cambidge), Cambidge, 8-11 .... — 3
11 00 Quarantine (T. Robson), D. Smith, 8-11 .... L. Charnock 5 4
12 0002 Valrain (Mrs Gresham), J. Johnson, 8-11 .... G. Cadwaladr 1
13 0 Chasing Rainbows (K. Payne), Payne, 8-8 ...... T. Lappin 8
17 033 Mayswing (A. Smith), M. H. Easterby, 8-8 ...... M. Birch 5
19 00 Thornton Bay (J. Thornton), J. Cousins, 8-8 ...... O. Gray 2

5-2 Valrain, 7-2 Mayswing, 9-2 Dave's Equal, 6-1 O'Conna, 7-1 Aintree Boy, 8-1 Hope For Gold, 10-1 Chasing Rainbows, 14-1 others.

3.0 MELLING HANDICAP (3-y-o : £715 : 5f)

1 20-0020 Musical Comedy (Duchess of Norfolk), J. Dunlop, 9-0 R. Hutchinson 2
3 023-000 Eve (D) (G. Tebbs), T. Molony, 8-8 ...... B. Taylor 6
4 001000 Bunny Boy (D) (J. Rodgers), S. Wainwright, 8-4 .. T. Ives 8
7 102-000 Woolaxin (D) (H. Smallman), R. Hollinshead, 8-1 K. Ives 0 9
8 0-00010 Double Seven (D) (T. Miller), H. Morris, 8-1 R. Wernham 5 10
9 0-03023 Vilgora (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 7-13 .... — 1
11 100-000 Best Endeavour (D) (R. West), E. Cousins, 7-11 G. Mullin 7 5
12 304-000 Silver Tinkle (S. Joel), M. H. Easterby, 7-11 .. W. Carson 4
15 4021-00 Kelso Bello (D) (C. Wrymes), Wrymes, 7-9 L. Charnock 5 3
17 00-032 Misty Music (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 7-7 .... M. Thomas 7

11-4 Vilgora, 9-2 Misty Music, 5-1 Bunny Boy, 6-1 Musical Comedy, 8-1 Silver Tinkle, Eve, 10-1 Woolaxin, 14-1 others.

3.30 AUGHTUN HANDICAP (£1,009 : 1m 2f)

1 0-00000 Pee Mai (D) (C. Barber-Lomax), S. Goodwill, 6-9-7 W. Carson 2
2 000231 Kafka (D) (E. Brown), D. Smith, 5-8-5 .... L. Charnock 5 4
3 010300 My Hero (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 6-9-0 .. R. Weaver 1
4 042210 Darling Bob (L. Parnes), K. Payne, 5-7-7 .... M. Thomas 3

Evens Kafka, 5-2 Darling Bob, 4-1 My Hero, 6-1 Pee Mai.

4.0 PIERHEAD PLATE (3-y-o maidens : £345 : 1m)

1 03-0 Altriva (Dr C. Vittadini), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 .. R. Tavlor 3
7 444-000 Francelia (Ld Derby), B. van Cutsem, 9-11 .... W. Carson 4
8 00-0 Golden Crier (Mrs Darby), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 .... T. Ives 2
12 02-00 Oak Lass (C. Woollam), D. Cambidge, 8-11 .... G. Cadwaladr 5
15 000 Quick Half (F. Markland), D. McCain, 8-11 .... — 1

Evens Francelia, 11-4 Altriva, 4-1 Oak Lass, 8-1 Golden Crier, 12-1 Quick Half.

4.30 CROSBY CHANNEL PLATE (2-y-o : £483 : 5f)

6 01 Carburton (D) (Mrs Kroavens), A. Mitchell, 9-2 .. M. Thomas 1
9 031222 Urray Harry (D) (D. Coppenhall), R. Hollinshead, 9-2 T. Ives 2
14 41 Lei (D) (J. McGregor), J. Dunlop, 8-13 .. R. Hutchinson 3
15 3 Hoolotts (D) (M. Clayton), P. Rohan, 8-13 .... G. Oldroyd 5
17 040 Yodeller's Dream (G. Ashton), R. E. Peacock, 8-11 G. Cadwaladr 6
19 00004 Johanne (I. Thornton), J. Cousins, 8-8 .... O. Gray 4

2-1 Urray Harry, 5-2 Lei, 4-1 Carburton, 6-1 Noolotts, 8-1 Yodeller's Dream, 10-1 Johanne.

5.0 ROCK FERRY HANDICAP (3-y-o : £609 : 1m 6f)

1 1-22113 Fiery Copper (A. Bray), R. Hollinshead, 9-5 .... T. Ives 1
3 0-31 Donna Nook (D) (Ld Derby), B. van Cutsem, 8-10 W. Carson 2

4-5 Donna Nook, 11-10 Fiery Copper.

Liverpool selections

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2.30 Valrain. 3.0 Misty Music. 3.30 Kafka. 4.0 Altriva. 4.30 Lei. 5.0 Donna Nook.

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3.0 Misty Music. 3.30 Pee Mai. 5.0 Donna Nook.

Salisbury programme

2.15 DOWNTON HANDICAP (3-y-o : £794 : 7f)

1 0-14111 Western Isle (C) (S. Garger), R. Hannon, 9-7 .... F. Durr 17
2 102223 Company Sergeant (Mrs R. Francis), G. Harwood, 9-4 G. Starkey 5
4 001211- Wong Way Girl (C) (G. Curzon), R. Akehurst, 9-13 R. Millman 7 8
5 001340 Ephesian (D) (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 8-11 R. Marshall 1
7 31-2420 Smart Shirley (D) (C. Gavonta), R. Smyth, 8-9 J. Mercer 16
9 22-0000 Spirit Lake (D) (J. Rochling), I. Balding, 8-5 J. Matthias 3 7
11 01-00 Hula Warrior (S. Clarke), G. Harwood, 8-3 .. K. E. Smith 7 9
12 3-10030 Ocaso (Miss P. Mator), H. Smyth, 8-9 ...... A. Bond 3 2
14 404003 The Goldstone (D) (Mrs S. Pakenham), W. Wightman, 8-2 G. Baxter 12
15 000-001 Red Fox (H. Blagrave), Blagrave, 8-2 ...... I. Johnson 5 14
17 30-0030 Noble Affair (A. Mulling), S. Ingham, 7-13 ...... P. Cook 4
19 0-01040 Whirlizer (C) (Mrs R. Allen), A. Breasley, 7-12 T. Carter 3
22 00-00 Windmill Boy (Sir D. Vesley), W. Wightman, 7-10 D. Cullen 13
23 021-00 Unicorn Fancy (K. Quale), P. Cole, 7-8 ...... R. Fox 5 10
24 000- Calmin (R. Porter), P. Makin, 7-7 .... J. Curant 6
25 020000- Bold Light (Mrs L. Dingwall), Mrs Dingwall, 7-6 J. Reid 5 11
26 00-00 Oldtimer (H. Wilks), L. Hall, 7-6 ...... D. McKay 15

4-1 Western Isle, 9-2 Company Sergeant, 11-2 Red Fox, 8-1 Ephesian, 10-1 Noble Affair, Smart Shirley, 12-1 The Goldstone, Wong Way Girl, 14-1 Ocaso, Spirit Lake, 20-1 others.

2.45 SOUTHAMPTON STAKES (2-y-o : £557 : 5f)

2 02 Amberren (Lord Cadogan), S. James, 9-0 ...... T. Rogers 1
3 00 Bent Street (B. Pearl), I. Balding, 9-0 .... J. Curant 5
5 Captive Knight (T. Hewer), F. Maxwell, 9-0 .... A. Murray 9
8 Durbar (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 9-0 .... J. Mercer 12
9 Hard Penny (J. Rubin), R. Hannon, 9-0 .... F. Durr 13
10 Hutnage (Lord Vestey), F. Maxwell, 9-0 ...... C. Williams 7
11 00 Ifor Buyone (A. Ezzeddine), R. Hannon, 9-0 .... P. Perkins 10
12 Karakorum (N. Phillips), P. Nelson, 9-0 .... G. Baxter 11
15 20 Maynooth (Miss A. Coorer-Dean), I. Balding, 9-0 J. Matthias 3 3
16 Penny Arcade (G. Pearce), W. Marshall, 9-0 .. R. Marshall 8
17 003 Personage (Mrs C. Silver), B. Swift, 9-0 .... P. Cook 4
21 00 Topi (Miss P. Major), H. Smyth, 9-0 ...... A. Bond 3 2
24 Wrekin Rhythm (Mrs G. Murphy), F. Maxwell, 9-0 G. Starkey 6

6-2 Amberren, 3-1 Durbar, 5-1 Maynooth, 6-1 Personage, 10-1 Karakorum, 12-1 Hard Penny, 14-1 Captive Knight, Penny Arcade, 20-1 others.

3.15 CHAMPAGNE STAKES (2-y-o : £986 : 6f)

3 0321 Thieving Demon (D) (Mrs B. Collins), R. Hannon, 9-6 F. Durr 1
4 01 Solar (Mrs F. Fleetwood-Hesketh), W. Wightman, 9-3 G. Baxter 2
7 Buck's Club (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-11 ...... J. Mercer 4
13 0 Obstacle (M. Wyatt), H. Candy, 8-11 ...... P. Waldron 5
15 0 Outlaw (M. Wenman), J. Bayward, 8-11 .... G. Ramshaw 7
17 Radiant Morn (Lady Clague), P. Nelson, 8-11 .. G. Starkey 6
19 0 Embankment Fair (Mrs O. Lusty), W. Marshall, 8-8 R. Marshall 3

2-1 Solar, 9-4 Thieving Demon, 11-2 Buck's Club, 6-1 Radiant Morn, 10-1 Obstacle, 14-1 Embankment Fair, 25-1 Outlaw.

3.45 CARNARVON CUP (Div I : £345 : 1½m)

2 221 Escarole (C. Freud), G. Balding, 4-11-10 .. Mr R. Linley 7
5 2444-0 Irish Word (CD) (J. Brazil), P. Cundell, 7-11-7 Mr B. Smart 5 4
10 00- Bergy Man (Mrs K. Leonard), M. Masson, 6-11-2 Susan Hogan 10
12 030-000 Charmeld (Mrs A. Harvey), E. Magner, 5-11-2 Ann Harvey 5
14 30 Winged Dagger (Mrs J. Old), J. Old, 5-11-2 Mr J. Old 5 8
17 00-00 Blue Glory (F. Freeman), Freeman, 5-10-7 ...... — 2
18 Dervak (A. Gregory), F. Muggeridge, 7-10-7 ...... — 2
19 0 Determined (Mrs C. Hassell), C. Hassell, 5-10-7 Mr K. Broomfield 5 1
20 Happy Again (M. Spedding), W. Williams, 5-10-7 6
21 32323-0 Ptarmigan (R. Dalby), C. Bewicke, 4-10-7 Mr P. Dalby 5 3

10-11 Escarole, 4-1 Ptarmigan, 11-2 Irish Word, 8-1 Winged Dagger, 12-1 Dervak, Determined, 16-1 others.

4.15 NOEL CANNON HANDICAP (£679 : 1m)

1 2211-20 Lucky Libra (D) (Mrs A. Kalmanson), P. Makin, 4-9-10 G. Baxter 4
2 0-33300 Behave Too (G. Cooper), G. Harwood, 4-9-10 .. P. Eddery 9
3 1021-31 Yeoman (D) (J. Whitney), J. Tree, 6-9-9 B. Raymond 7 5
4 0-11221 Sound Jiff (CD) (K. Girling), R. Hannon, 4-9-6 .. F. Durr 7
5 2130-00 Sugar Muss (CD) (Mrs R. Smyth), R. Smyth, 6-8-10 P. Cheese 7 8
9 00003 Fair Camilla (D) (J. Manley), P. Cole, 7-8-5 I. Johnson 5 1
11 000-0 Boldaro (Lady Braverbrook), I. Balding, 4-8-3 J. Mercer 3
12 0-04000 Wigged (C) (Mrs W. Brown), J. Old, 5-8-0 .... F. Morby 6
13 00003-0 Courtly Lad (D) (S. Matthews), S. Matthews, 6-7-13 C. Moss 3

9-2 Yeoman, 11-4 Sound Jiff, 4-1 Behave Too, 11-2 Lucky Libra, 8-1 Boldaro, 12-1 Fair Camilla, 13-1 others.

4.45 TISBURY STAKES (Maiden : 3-y-o fillies : £507 : 1m)

1 0-0 Academic World (D. van Clief), P. Walwyn, 8-11 P. Eddery 1
3 03-0 Allegiance (The Queen), I. Balding, 8-11 ...... G. Starkey 4
4 Belle of Aberdeen (S. Hunt), P. Cole, 8-11 P. Edmondson 11
12 0 Dulas Valley (E. Higgs), P. Makin, 8-11 ...... G. Baxter 5
14 0-0 Hagi (J. Kashiyama), R. Houghton, 8-11 .... F. Morby 8
16 0040- Janbola (Mrs H. Rodwell), R. Hannon, 8-11 .... P. Perkins 2
17 0-00 Mahele (Lord Petersham), H. Williams, 8-11 .... P. Waldron 10
19 203-00 School Bell (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 8-11 .... J. Mercer 7
30 Soldier's Friend (H. Blagrave), P. Makin, 8-11 .. A. Murray 9
31 0000-00 Songsahray (H. Collins), M. Masson, 8-11 .... A. Bond 3 3
33 0-00 Sovereign Bracelet (M. Blackburn), D. Keith, 8-11 D. Lintott 6

7-4 Academic World, 11-4 School Bell, 5-1 Allegiance, 13-2 Mahele, 8-1 Hagi, 12-1 Janbola, 16-1 others.

5.15 TISBURY STAKES (Div II : Maidens : 3-y-o fillies : £507 : 1m)

2 0000-00 Alison's Jewel (Mrs G. Jackson), R. Turnell, 8-11 P. Eddery 4
4 Burdigala (Mrs I. Crockett), P. Bailey, 8-11 ...... A. Murray 5
11 00-000 Galley Girl (J. Darby), G. Balding, 8-11 .... J. Curant 9
15 0-00 Hot Fancy (M. Harman), F. Maxwell, 8-11 .... C. Williams 3
18 0- Homer (J. Wakefield), P. Makin, 8-11 ...... P. Waldron 1
25 00-000 The One (M. Spedding), W. Williams, 8-11 .... D. McKay 2
26 0 Phillision (R. Crossman), M. Scudamore, 8-11 G. Ramshaw 6
29 0-000 Snow Mountain (Mrs C. Watts), H. Smyth, 8-11 .. A. Bond 3 10
30 South Georgia (J. Lee), S. Matthews, 8-11 .... C. Moss 8
32 000-000 Time Alone (R. Weston), R. Sturdy, 8-11 ...... J. Mercer 11
36 00- Work To Rule (A. Kalmanson), P. Makin, 8-11 .... G. Baxter 7

3-2 Snow Mountain, 5-1 Alison's Jewel, 4-1 Hot Fancy, 11-2 Work To Rule, 8-1 Galley Girl, 10-1 Burdigala, 14-1 others.

5.45 CARNARVON CUP (Div II : £345 : 1½m)

6 01020-2 Queen's Treasure (A. Bovington), V. Cross, 5-11-7 Mr J. Wilson 5
11 414-123 Barmy (D) (I. Balding), Balding, 6-11-2 Mr R. Carlus 5 10
13 0-04002 Iver (C) (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 4-11-2 Mr I. Nelson 4
16 4020-00 Tay Bridge (Mrs J. de Rothschild), J. Tree, 4-10-10 Mr V. Lussier 7
21 000-00 Habrack (R. Barclay), R. Cole, 4-10-7 Mr R. Barclay 5 1
22 0 Ne Tarzan (H. Whitehouse), F. Muggeridge, 5-10-7 Mr D. Evatt 5 9
25 Only Bill (Mrs M. Jack), W. Williams, 4-10-7 Jackie Thorne 2
26 40000-0 Prosecute (Mrs G. Hassell), C. Hassell, 5-10-7 Nicky Lay 5 6
28 0- Takaaki (Mrs P. Sherwood), P. Cundell, 7-10-7 Jane Thorne 3
29 Wild Peter (J. Jones), J. Bradley, 8-10-7 .... Celia Lewis 5 8

15-8 Barmy, 11-4 Iver, 7-2 Tay Bridge, 11-2 Queen's Treasure, 10-1 Prosecute, 14-1 others.

Newcastle programme

2.30 BLAGDON PLATE (2-y-o maidens : £552 : 6f)

4 00 Colonel Taj (Mrs Thomson), T. Craig, 8-8 ...... K. Leason 1
5 0 Mr Marlsbridge (P. Stallion), K. Payne, 8-8 ...... A. Cousins
6 00 Ragged (Mrs Bell), Herbert Jones, 8-8 .... J. Seagrave
8 Done Spare (Mrs Stallion), K. Payne, 8-5 .... A. Robson
13 00 Hotcakes (Mrs Fitzpatrick), K. Payne, 8-2 ...... A. Tippling
14 00 Linthorpe (D. Tanfield), J. Calvert, 8-2 .... S. Freeman 7 1
16 003 Regal Tudor (J. Armstrong), G. Robinson, 8-2 B. Connorton 1
17 Abrovian (A. Greenwood), W. Elsey, 7-13 ...... S. Salmon 3
18 430 Armidale (J. Spriggs), M. W. Easterby, 7-13 ...... T. Walsh 7
19 00 Jack In a Box (Lady Hunter), J. Ormston, 7-13 .. C. Eccleston 7
20 Lin Slipper (M. Raddan), D. Williams, 7-13 .... S. Charlton 7 7
21 32 Romany Charter (R. D. Peacock), Peacock, 7-13 .... L. Brown
22 0002 Senator Sam (G. Barber), J. W. Watts, 7-13 .... J. Lowe
27 02 Clasy's Pet (Mrs Rhodes), G. Hunter, 7-10 .... J. Lynch
30 0 Tamalone (T. Metcalfe), M. H. Easterby, 7-10 B. Johnson

7-4 Clasy's Pet, 11-4 Tamalone, 7-2 Romany Charter, 8-1 Armidale, 12 Senator Sam, 14-1 Mr Marlsbridge, Regal Tudor, 16-1 others.

3.0 STAGSHAW PLATE (2-y-o : £483 : 5f)

2 00201 Avocado (D) (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 8-13 I. Davies 7
8 204 Don Valley (C. Spence), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 .... J. Skilling
12 020 Vellocino (C. Bircham), D. Williams, 8-11 .... S. Charlton 7
13 0000 Worthy Star (Mrs Moore), S. Nesbitt, 8-11 .... C. Eccleston
14 00 Apache Belle (J. Latham), K. Payne, 8-8 .... S. Salmon 3
17 000 Catch Me Kate (Lady Hunter), J. Ormston, 8-8 J. Seagrave
20 000 The Danstan (J. Jackson), R. Wymes, 8-8 .... S. Perks
21 000 Filter Virginia (V. Salkeld), H. Blackshaw, 8-8 .... L. Brown
22 040 The Last (E. Davey), H. Blackshaw, 8-8 .... B. Connorton
23 03 Live Spark (L. Taboas), K. Payne, 8-8 .... A. Cousins
24 000 Old Hall (E. Pawson), M. W. Easterby, 8-8 .... B. Raymond
25 00 Olbaaum (Mrs Steele), Herbert Jones, 8-8 .... E. Johnson
27 0 "The Schemer (R. Dods), H. Blackshaw, 8-8 .... —
28 000 Track Anna (T. Anthony), L. Shedden, 8-8 ...... E. Eldin

11-8 Avocado, 5-1 Don Valley, 8-1 Live Spark, 8-1 Vellocino, 10-1 Catch Me Kate, Apache Belle, 12-1 others.

3.30 DOBSON PEACOCK HANDICAP (£1,329 : 1m)

1 1270-04 Redesdale (Duke of Devonshire), B. van Cutsem, 4-9-12 E. Eldin
4 130240 Gracious Melody (CD) (Mrs Park), Denys Smith, 5-8-11 P. Kelleher
5 4-04312 Green Signal (E. Sheffield), P. Rohan, 4-8-7 .... J. Seagrave
7 23-0020 Frisky Ruler (D) (Mrs Haggas), J. Hindley, 4-8-6 A. Kimberley
8 300-003 The Nadi Royals (D) (S. Powell), J. Sutcliffe jun, 4-8-1 B. Rouse
9 80-1000 Ascot Royale (D) (R. Mason), Mason, 4-7-10 .... P. Chan
10 040-044 Confluence (C) (W. Carrick), W. Haigh, 4-7-10 .. E. Johnson
11 302-100 Sunblast (Lady Zia Wernher), Doug Smith, 4-7-9 T. McKeown
13 0101-00 Love In May (Mrs Philip), T. Craig, 3-7-7 ...... K. Leason

3-1 Gracious Melody, 4-1 Sunblast, 9-2 The Nadi Royals, 6-1 Redesdale, 13 Green Signal, 7-1 Frisky Ruler, 12-1 Confluence, 14-1 others.

4.0 STOCKSFIELD STAYERS STAKES (Maidens : £676 : 2m)

1 0 Bobbie Gordon (D. Scott), T. Page, 5-9-3 .... B. Connorton
2 Calculator (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-9-3 A. Kimberley
3 000000- Misty Dream (C. Line), G. Wallace, 5-9-3 .... S. Salmon 3
4 00 Pal David (G. Anderson), L. Docker, 8-9-3 ...... J. Seagrave
6 Persian Room (K. Gray), J. Harris, 5-9-4 .. B. Clotworthy 7
7 32000-0 Rapid Pass (G. Blum), Blum, 4-9-2 .... B. Raymond
8 0-000 Brownsman (C. Brown), C. Bell, 4-8-13 ...... T. O'Ryan 5
9 00000- Johnny Blago (J. Smith), W. Atkinson, 4-8-13 .. P. Kelleher
10 Kiku (W. Porter), C. Bell, 4-8-13 .... J. Higgins
11 4004 Rambling (C. Wecey), N. Angus, 4-8-13 .. Rich Hutchinson
12 000-000 Stand-By (Mrs Weir), K. Oliver, 4-8-13 .... E. Johnson
14 Young Marcus (T. Cowan), S. Nesbitt, 4-7-10 F. Postill 7
16 0 Blue Carmen (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 3-7-7 .... W. Bentley
17 00-0004 Caravan Centre (W. Sticker), W. Gray, 3-7-7 .... S. Webster 5
18 00-00 Carmoni Princess (Mrs Taylor), G. Richards, 3-7-7 C. Eccleston
19 000-002 Chiquera (J. Turner), Turner, 3-7-7 ...... A. Horrocks
21 00-000 Medio (Mrs Brotherton), M. W. Easterby, 3-7-7 .... R. Still
22 03-0224 Pearly (A. Salpe), M. H. Easterby, 3-7-7 .... J. Lowe
23 400-004 Tingalary (D. Needham), Denys Smith, 3-7-7 .... T. McKeown
24 4-03 Wernggan (R. McAlpine), J. Hindley, 3-7-7 .... N. Crowther 7

11-4 Wernggan, 3-1 Rapid Pass, 4-1 Pearly, 6-1 Chiquera, 10-1 Tingalary, 14 Rambling, Carmoni Princess, 16-1 others.

4.30 HEDDON PLATE (£552 : 1½m 60yds)

2 Wilbaneer (K. Elmore), J. Harris, 7-9-3 R. Clotworthy 7
3 2-0220 Breakaduck (H. Manners), W. A. Stephenson, 4-9-1 B. Raymond
5 300 Soon For Sale (S. Hebeler), J. W. Watts, 3-8-3 J. Lowe
6 302-020 Carmoni Queen (Mrs Taylor), G. Richards, 3-8-0 T. O'Ryan 5
7 0020-0 Chan (Charlotte Lady Reay), W. A. Stephenson, 3-8-0 ...
8 02 Dandy Scott (H. Hutchison), W. Elsey, 3-8-0 .. S. Salmon 3
9 22 Devil's Double (Miss Hunt), R. D. Peacock, 3-8-0 ......
10 The Engineer (G. Weir), J. Ormston, 3-8-0 .. J. Seagrave
11 0000 "Emile Gris (G. Gibson), R. Mason, 3-8-0 ...... J. Higgins
12 0-22 Fly For Home (Mrs Glassman), M. Stoute, 3-8-0 .. E. Johnson
14 20-0a Lilo (Mrs Kindley), J. Hindley, 3-8-0 ...... A. Kimberley
15 0 Lone King (M. Baillieu), W. Elsey, 3-8-0 ...... A. Cousins
17 40-3343 Philip Green (W. Stoker), W. Gray, 3-8-0 .... E. Apter

100-30 Fly for Home, 4-1 Dandy Scott, 9-2 Devil's Soldier, 6-1 Lilo, 8 Breakaduck, 10-1 Soon for Sale, Philip Green, 12-1 Carmoni Queen, 14-1 other.

5.0 WALLSEND HANDICAP (£614 : 6f)

2 00-0003 Red Rodney (CD) (E. Brown), M. W. Easterby, 7-8-9 T. Walsh
3 133142 Queensway (D) (J. Pinkston), H. Blackshaw, 4-8-7 M. Nuttall
4 006021 Kernel Rose (D) (N. Angus), Angus, 5-8-6 .... C. Christie 5
6 001011 Clintwood (D) (L. Comm), W. A. Stephenson, 3-8-3 T. Davies
7 0 Pub Crawl (J. Vickers), Vickers, 4-8-5 ...... S. Charlton
9 22414-0 Cannie Cassie (D) (M. Oddahott), C. Bell, 4-8-1 J. Buchanan
11 010-000 Tesla-la (D) (W. Qulton), R. Stailman, 4-7-11 P. Saprole 5
12 300-000 First Band (R. Mason), Mason, 3-7-10 ...... W. Higgins
15 002000- Gaywin (Mrs Hodgson), J. Calver, 4-7-7 .... S. Freeman
16 4000-41 Gran Lass (D) (B. Briggs), J. Berry, 3-7-7 .. S. Bookler 5
18 340-020 Kaymay (W. Taylor), G. Wallace, 3-7-7 ...... E. Bruce 5

5-2 Kernel Rose, 11-4 Clintwood, 5-1 Queensway, 6-1 Red Rodney, 8-1 Gran Lass, 12-1 Kaymay, 14-1 Cannie Cassie, 16-1 others.

* Doubtful runner.

Newcastle selections

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2.30 Clasy's Pet. 3.0 Avocado. 3.30 Sunblast. 4.0 Rapid Pass. 4.30 FLY FOR HOME is specially recommended. 5.0 Red Rodney.

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3.30 Sunblast. 4.0 Rapid Pass. 4.30 Lilo.

Salisbury selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Spirit Lake. 2.45 Personage. 3.15 Solar. 3.45 Escarole. 4.15 Sound Jiff. 4.45 School Bell. 5.15 Snow Mountain. 5.45 Iver.

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By Alan Gibson

CANTERBURY: The Australians have scored 415 for eight wickets in their first innings against Kent.

The Australians began their first class, or three-day, part of their tour with confidence and ... They scored their 415 in ... overs. This is the kind of authority with which we expect a good Australian side to announce their presence. If the scene was not the traditional Worcester, but only Canterbury, which I have never thought a particularly attractive ground, there was still a cathedral ambiance and sunshine and a large crowd. You could find a seat in the sun if you walked round the ground in the afternoon, but you had to ... it for it.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings
R. B. McCosker, c Nicholls, b Shepherd .. 58
A. Turner, c Luckhurst, b Shepherd .. 156
J. Laird, st Nicholls, b Underwood .. 27
G. M. Chappell, c Rowe, b Woolmer .. 27
K. D. Walters, l-b-w, b Underwood .. 50
G. J. Gilmour, c Woolmer, b Julien .. 50
R. D. Robinson, b Johnson .. 36
D. K. Lillee, b Underwood .. 0
A. A. Mallett, not out .. 8
Extras (b 2, l-b 16, w 1, n-b 4) .. 23
Total (8 wkts) .. 415
J. G. Hurst, J. D. Higgs to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—131, 2—..., 3—273, 4—300, 5—367, 6—..., 7—377, 8—415.

KENT
B. W. Luckhurst, G. W. Johnson, M. C. Cowdrey, R. A. Woolmer, C. E. Ealham, D. Nicholls, J. N. Shepherd, B. D. Julien, C. J. C. Rowe, R. B. Elms, D. L. Underwood.
Umpires: D. J. Constant and B. J. Meyer.

Denness was unable to play for Kent because of a knee injury. This kind of accident may have large consequences, as two other England captains present would confirm. The principal batting success was Turner's. He opened the innings with McCosker. Their partnership of 121 was well shared, both going along at a fair pace, but after McCosker had been caught at the wicket Turner took command.

His 156 came out of 273. In the meantime Laird had been out, smartly stumped by Nicholls, at 230. Turner was thought to be slightly fortunate to be chosen for this tour as an extra opening batsman without much of a record behind him; but he will take some keeping out of the Test match side the way he is playing.

The rest of the batsmen played their strokes and obviously enjoyed themselves. Ian Chappell was caught driving, Walters leg before just after reaching his 50; Gilmour well caught at long leg. *He is going to be something of a character, this Gilmour.* He struck a happy relationship with the crowd, who were sorry to see him out, it then being clear that it was only a question of how many the Australians would score.

Their first seven men all passed 25, before Lillee contributed a disdainful, Miller-like nought. Robinson, the reserve wicket keeper, showed he could bat well, and although he was a little less zestful than the others, and even received a youthful slow handclap (after 400 runs in a day) I do not blame him.

Reserve wicket keepers on tour must make the most of what cricket they get. *The most famous Australian reserve wicket keeper was K. E. Burn, in the 1880s.* Only after the ship had left Fremantle beyond recall was it realised—perhaps only then did he reveal—that he had never kept wicket in his life. *But he had to play in the big matches as a batsman*, because there were some injuries, and he did not do so badly either.

The pitch at Canterbury yesterday was certainly a good one, but Kent did not bowl untidily, nor collapse in the field. They have four international bowlers and another who has sometimes been recommended, and they have been having a successful season, so it all adds up to an impressive Australian performance.

Ian Chappell, who has been criticized in Australia because it is rumoured that he plans to take a private team to South Africa next year, said yesterday that he was "sick of all the controversy." Speaking at Canterbury, he said: "It is about time somebody spoke up for South Africa instead of being fair weather friends. I have my opinion of South Africa and I am entitled to it. The controversy has made me only more determined to tour there."

Chappell said that he was considering giving up the Australian captaincy at the end of the England tour but had no intention of retiring as a player. "A captain has only a certain life span and I have had four good years", he said.

In Adelaide, Sir Donald Bradman, acting chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, said yesterday that any effort to get around the South African problem by attempting to stage private or unofficial tests was doomed to failure. He believed that all Australian sports followers would dearly like to see South Africa *back in Test cricket.*

"But I believe that this could come about only in a full, open and frank manner on conditions acceptable to other countries", he said. Earlier, the West Indies team had reportedly threatened to *boycott the planned tour of Australia in 1975-76 if Ian Chappell* and his test team signed contracts to play privately in South Africa.—Reuter.

Turner: century.

Hendrick dismisses both Amiss and Jameson at Burton

The England fast bowler Hendrick hit back for Derbyshire by removing both of Warwickshire's England opening batsmen Amiss and Jameson in the county championship game at Burton-on-Trent yesterday. Warwickshire began at a gallop after getting Derbyshire out for 214 in 19 overs with Jameson hitting Hendrick to the boundary four times in his first ... overs.

The bowler, however, eventually dismissed Amiss with a sharply rising ball before having Jameson caught in the slips to end a knock of 40. Hendrick was robbed of a third wicket when Venkataraghavan put down a chance from Whitehouse in the slips and the batsman survived two very close l-b-w appeals. Warwickshire ended at 70 for two from 26 overs.

Taunton

Despite sturdy efforts from Walusimbi and the captain Harilal Shah, Sri Lanka's spin bowlers took them to victory by 115 runs against East Africa with an hour to spare in their three-day game.

Mendis led an early sprint for runs by Sri Lanka, taking his overnight 105 to 144 before the declaration at 332 for five. In all, he hit 15 fours in his three-hour innings on a dry pitch which gave considerable but slow turn.

East Africa needed 329 to win in five hours but lost two wickets in Opatha's first over and were never in a challenging position. Walusimbi progressed in short bursts of scoring between long periods of careful defence, while the leg-spin bowlers Tissera and De Silva gradually worked their way through the order. Walusimbi was seventh out for a dedicated 54 made in three hours with a six and eight fours. Harilal batted bravely for 70 minutes with a runner because of a groin strain before Tissera dismissed him to end the match with five for 35. De Silva took three for 40.

Barry Wood, Frank Hayes and Peter Lever, who have been left out of the Lancashire side, have not been suspended. This was stressed in a statement issued yesterday by the club chairman, Cedric Rhoades, who said that the three players would continue to report to the ground and be available for second team games if required.

On Tuesday, Lancashire announced that the three England players who withdrew from the match against Derbyshire at the last minute with injuries would not be in the team to meet Kent at the weekend. In the case of Wood, who refused to be examined by a doctor, he will not be considered for first team duty for the next six matches because of a breach of *discipline.*

Mr Rhoades said: "Financially they will continue to receive the basic salary but will not, of course, be paid first team appearance money or bonuses. We simply did not consider the return of Lever and Hayes was justified in view of the success of the team and the replacements these last few matches.

"I am sure that many of our members and supporters will agree with us. The case of Wood is different. He will not be considered for first team duty for six matches but Lever and Hayes will come into the reckoning if and when their form and that of the team warrants changes."

On Monday Lancashire second team play Warwickshire in a three-day match at Blackpool and Mr Rhoades said a decision on whether Hayes and Lever would be in the side would not be made until the weekend.

Rugby Union

TOUR MATCH: Wairarapa-Bush 13, Tongan XV 13 (at Masterton, New Zealand).

Rugby League

TOUR MATCH: Combined Lithgow-Oberon XIII 17, French XIII 24 (at Lithgow, New South Wales).

Yachting

HANKOE, NORWAY: 5.5 metres: Fourth race: 1, Antares II (M. Morris); 2, Sundance (A. Fay). Overall: Morris.

Halfyard like a bear with a sore head

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

OXFORD: Oxfordshire beat Cornwall by six wickets.

If the idea of playing this Gillette Cup match between Oxfordshire and Cornwall at the Morris Motors ground was for strikers to swell the crowd, it misfired. The workers had their heads down, like John Potter, who opened Oxfordshire's innings and was 75 not out when they won.

Put in to bat, Cornwall soon discovered why. This delightful ground, with a distant view of the dreaming spires, has a reputation for being lively early. Yesterday it certainly was. Cornwall looked like making fewer than they did, until Laity, their captain, rescued them with a rugged innings of 65. Of the others, only Dunstan, who had a season or two with Gloucestershire, passed 20, which he did with two or three good strokes off his ...

Of the Oxfordshire bowlers the best was Jeffries who bowled a damaging leg cutter at a disarming pace. In the twenty-ninth over of the Cornish innings an off-spin bowler, Porter, took a wicket. That is worth mentioning. The last wicket I had seen taken by anyone of less than medium pace in a one-day match was more than 200 overs earlier. Porter might have had Laity, too, caught at deep square leg when he was 56. To contain Gloucestershire in the next round at Bristol Oxfordshire will have to field better than they did yesterday.

Cornwall were looking to Halfyard to win them the match, or at any rate to make Oxfordshire struggle. That they finished runners-up in the Minor County championship last year was entirely Halfyard's doing. His 79 wickets at fewer than 10 runs apiece set up all kinds of records. At the age of 44 he is now on his sixth county: Surrey, Kent, Nottinghamshire, Northumberland and Durham being the others.

In holding Halfyard off, and pulling Oxfordshire through, Potter spent most of his time on the front foot. He moved well into line, showed plenty of patience and, in the end, had Halfyard giving a fair imitation of a bear with a sore head. Potter, deservedly, was made man of the match.

Nurton launched Oxfordshire's innings with some fine shots through the covers, and Garner kept Potter company in a fourth wicket partnership of 98 which decided the match.

The last Cornish cricketer I had seen play was Francke, a Ceylonese, now with Queensland, once with Falmouth. Of the county's native sons, Jack Crapp, who umpired yesterday's match, is the most famous, M. J. Harris, of Nottinghamshire, is the only other, I think, who has played regular county cricket. *Oxfordshire* have given several players to Hampshire—"Lofty" Herman, Johnny Arnold, Neville Rogers and Alan Castell among them. They all played a lot of cricket on this pleasant oasis in Oxford's *industrial quarter.*

Minor Counties again beaten in Gillette Cup

All three minor county sides playing first-class counties in yesterday's Gillette Cup games were convincingly beaten to continue the pattern which has been the case with one exception ever since the competition was launched 12 years ago. Meanwhile, in a tie between two championship teams, Nottinghamshire, who last week overwhelmed Sussex in two days, found the tables turned at Trent Bridge.

The Sussex pace attack of Snow and Spencer had them reeling at 12 for three, before resistance came from Johnson and Rice. They took the score to 59, before Rice, century maker in the last championship match against Northamptonshire, was caught off Greig. Hare and White went cheaply before Nottinghamshire finally recovered to reach 212 for nine.

Surrey also struck early trouble at the Oval as the Somerset bowlers made the best use of a swinging ball and uneven bounce. Surrey lost Howarth, Edrich and Younis for 22, before Owen-Thomas and Roope helped the total to 193 for nine.

Lord's

Brearley hit his first Gillette Cup century to help Middlesex to victory by 99 runs over Buckinghamshire. The Middlesex captain, whose previous highest score in the competition was 60 reached *124 and deservedly took the man* of the match award.

Middlesex totalled 267 for four off their 60 overs, Brearley being well supported by Radley, Featherstone and the 17-year-old Gatting, who made 29 in his first *representative match for the* county.

Stuart York was the hero for Buckinghamshire. He held them together with an unbeaten 73, including a six and seven fours but his side could only manage 168 *for seven.*

Stoke-on-Trent

Leicestershire compiled 287 for four before Higgs ripped the heart out of the Staffordshire batting with six wickets for 20 runs. Higgs's superb 12-over spell—ironically he is a former Staffordshire player—included the last three wickets in his final over to wrap up the Staffordshire innings for 73, and leave Leicestershire winners by 214 runs.

The victory was set up by the century makers Dudleston (118) and John Steele with 108 not out. Dudleston's innings included 17 fours and two sixes which earned him the man of the match award from Cyril Washbrook.

Staffordshire's attempts to win *support for a place in the* county championship received a stinging setback with this defeat. Only Dowpend, with 24 and Gill (13) managed to reach double figures.

March

As expected Northamptonshire beat Cambridgeshire comfortably but they lost all their 10 wickets in reaching a total of 210 in 59.5 overs. Northamptonshire then dismissed the minor county for 141 *in 41.5 overs to win by 69 runs.*

David Steele (109) was named man of the match by Jim Laker but Cambridgeshire's Alan Ponder (57) hit four sixes in spirited defiance before the end.

Gillette Cup second round

The draw for the second round of the Gillette Cup, to be played on July 16 is:

Gloucestershire v Oxfordshire (at Bristol); Hampshire v Glamorgan (at Southampton); Lancashire v Northamptonshire (at Manchester); Nottinghamshire v Kent (at Nottingham Hove); Somerset v Derbyshire (at Taunton); Warwickshire v Middlesex (at Birmingham); Worcestershire v Essex (at Worcester); Yorkshire v Leicestershire (at Leeds).

Gillette Cup scores

Oxon v Cornwall

AT OXFORD

CORNWALL
G. Willcock, run out .. 5
J. Edwards, c Garner, b Busby .. 6
R. M. Chaplin, c Busby, b Lock .. 15
S. T. Dunstan, l-b-w, b Jeffries .. 20
Laity, c Goodyear, b Jeffries .. 65
G. Cook, b Porter .. 7
J. Halfyard, l-b-w, b Smith .. 14
P. C. Kendall, b Smith .. 10
Snowden, c Porter, b Lock .. 4
A. Toseland, not out .. 3
D. Trenwith, b Jeffries .. 0
Extras (b 1, l-b 16, w 2) .. 19
Total (52.2 overs) .. 171
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—18, 3—65, 4—83, 5—94, 6—133, 7—..., 8—163, 9—169, 10—171.
BOWLING: Busby, 9—2—15—1; Smith, 12—1—40—2; Jeffries, 11.2—...—31—3; Lock, 8—2—13—2; Porter, ...—1—53—1.

OXFORDSHIRE
D. Nurton, l-b-w, b Trenwith .. 24
J. Potter, not out .. 75
J. Chapman, c Cook, b Trenwith .. 9
W. Harper, b Toseland .. 6
J. Gardner, b Kendall .. 53
Jeffries, not out .. 0
Extras (l-b 6, n-b 2) .. 8
Total (4 wkts, 57.3 overs) .. 175
R. Goodyear, P. B. Smith, J. R. Garner, D. G. Lock, R. B. Busby did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—30, 2—58, 3—..., 4—70.
BOWLING: Kendall, 9—0—32—1; Halfyard, 12—2—37—0; Trenwith, ...—1—2; Snowden, 8.5—1—...—0; Toseland, 12—2—37—1.
Umpires: J. Crapp and A. Whitehead.

Surrey v Somerset

Somerset beat Surrey by one wicket.

SURREY
J. H. Edrich, c Burgess, b Jones .. 8
P. Howarth, l-b-w, b Jones .. 0
R. Owen-Thomas, l-b-w, b Burgess .. 29
Younis Ahmed, c Botham, b Burgess .. 8
G. R. J. Roope, b Botham .. 65
Intikhab Alam, c Denning, b 50
G. E. Skinner, c and b Moseley .. 2
P. I. Pocock, c Richards, b Botham .. 6
R. D. Jackman, l-b-w, b Moseley .. 1
R. Butcher, not out .. 5
G. Arnold, not out .. 3
Extras (b 1, l-b 7, w 3, n-b 3) .. 14
Total (9 wkts) .. 193
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—12, 3—22, 4—31, 5—146, 6—164, 7—171, 8—177, 9—189.
BOWLING: Jones, 12—2—38—2; Moseley, 12—1—40—3; Burgess, 12—...—17—2; Botham, 12—3—46—2; Jennings, 12—0—38—0.

SOMERSET
P. A. Slocombe, c Pocock, b Arnold .. 42
D. J. S. Taylor, c Pocock, b Arnold .. 11
P. W. Denning, b Pocock .. 36
I. V. A. Richards, b Butcher .. 14
D. B. Close, c Butcher, b Arnold .. 0
G. I. Burgess, b Jackman .. 44
I. T. Botham, c Butcher, b Pocock .. 31
K. F. Jennings, c Skinner, b Arnold .. 1
D. Breakwell, not out .. 9
H. R. Moseley, lbw, b Pocock .. 1
A. A. Jones, not out .. 2
Extras (b 3, l-b 9, n-b 1) .. 13
Total (9 wkts) .. 194
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—80, 3—..., 4—103, 5—118, 6—169, 7—..., 8—181, 9—182.
BOWLING: Arnold, 12—3—19—4; Jackman, 12—1—34—1; Intikhab, 6—2—18—0; Roope, 6—0—28—0; Butcher, 12—3—43—1; Pocock, 12—...
Umpires: R. E. Barnard and P. B. Wight.

Staffs v Leicester

AT STOKE

LEICESTERSHIRE
B. Dudleston, b Downend .. 118
J. F. Steele, not out .. 108
B. F. Davison, b Stride .. 25
*R. Illingworth, c Lowe, b Downend .. 9
J. C. Balderstone, c Green, b Stride .. 6
†R. W. Tolchard, not out .. 15
Extras (b 2, l-b 9, w 2) .. 13
Total (4 wkts) .. 287
J. Birkenshaw, G. F. Cross, G. D. McKenzie, N. M. McVicker, K. Higgs did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—206, 2—234, 3—246, 4—251.
BOWLING: Stride, 12—1—32—2; Boothroyd, 12—3—33—0; Bim, 2—0—25—0; Lowe, 12—0—54—0; Nasim Ul-Ghani, 12—1—49—0; Downend, 10—0—72—2.

STAFFORDSHIRE
*D. A. Hancock, c Birkenshaw, b McKenzie .. 1
P. N. Gill, c Tolchard, b Higgs .. 13
T. Pearsall, c Steele, b McVicker .. 6
Nasim Ul-Gani, c Davison, b Higgs .. 8
J. D. Moore, c Tolchard, b Higgs .. 0
M. J. Bim, c Birkenshaw, b Cross .. 3
R. H. Downend, c McKenzie, b McVicker .. 24
L. Lowe, not out .. 7
†M. R. Green, c and b Higgs .. 4
K. Stride, b Higgs .. 0
R. Boothroyd, b Higgs .. 0
Extras (l-b 3, w 4) .. 7
Total (37 overs) .. 73
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—18, 3—29, 4—31, 5—34, 6—54, 7—68, 8—73, 9—73, 10—73.
BOWLING: McKenzie, 5—1—12—1; Higgs, 13—4—20—6; McVicker, 9—3—12—2; Cross, 7—1—30—1; Steele, 4—2—2—0.
Umpires: R. Aspinall and A. Jepson.

Cambridge v Northants

AT MARCH

Northamptonshire beat Cambridgeshire by 69 runs.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
*R. T. Virgin, c Fairey, b Jacklin .. 14
P. Willey, b Collard .. 4
D. S. Steele, c Fairey, b Jacklin .. 109
Mushtaq Mohammad, l-b-w, b Jacklin .. 5
G. Cook, b Harvey .. 6
R. C. Williams, c Baker, b Wing .. 13
†G. Sharp, c Ponder, b Jacklin .. 11
Sarfraz Nawaz, c Ponder, b Wing .. 23
R. M. H. Cottam, run out .. 1
B. S. Bedi, c Ponder, b Collard .. 0
J. C. J. Dye, not out .. 0
Extras (b 13, l-b 8, w 3, n-b 1) .. 25
Total (59.5 overs) .. 210
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—17, 2—55, 3—65, 4—95, 5—114, 6—181, 7—203, 8—204, 9—209, 10—210.
BOWLING: Collard, 11—1—34—2; Wing, 11.5—1—38—2; Reed, 12—4—26—0; Jacklin, 12—2—40—4; Harvey, 9—0—27—1; Howarth, 4—0—20—0.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
*D. H. R. Fairey, l-b-w, b Dye .. 3
J. F. Harvey, c Sharp, b Cottam .. 14
D. H. Baker, c Sarfraz, b Dye .. 0
P. D. Swart, b Dye .. 12
P. Holman, c Sharp, b Cottam .. 4
A. Howarth, l-b-w, b Willey .. 19
A. M. Ponder, c Dye, b Willey .. 57
V. Reed, st Sharp, b Bedi .. 8
D. V. Collard, c Bedi, b Willey .. 9
D. C. Wing, c Virgin, b Bedi .. 1
J. Jacklin, not out .. 0
Extras (b 4, w 6, n-b 2) .. 12
Total (41.5 overs) .. 141
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—9, 2—9, 3—26, 4—31, 5—41, 6—99, 7—118, 8—130, 9—141, 10—141.
BOWLING: Sarfraz, 6—1—14—0; Dye, 6—2—14—3; Cottam, 7—2—17—2; Mushtaq, 3—1—19—0; Willey, 11.5—3—37—3; Bedi, 8—3—28—2.
Umpires: J. G. Langridge and P. Rochford.

Middlesex v Bucks

AT LORD'S

Middlesex beat Buckinghamshire by 99 runs

MIDDLESEX
R. O. Butcher, b Harris .. 0
*J. M. Brearley, not out .. 124
C. T. Radley, c Turner, b Hutchinson .. 38
N. G. Featherstone, run out .. 44
M. W. Gatting, c Poll, b Jones .. 29
†J. T. Murray, not out .. 26
Extras (b 3, l-b 2, n-b 1) .. 6
Total (4 wkts) .. 267
H. A. Gomes, P. H. Edmonds, F. J. Titmus, J. S. E. Price, M. W. W. Selvey did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—82, 3—147, 4—209.
BOWLING: Harris, 12—1—33—1; Bailey, 10—0—56—0; Lever, 12—1—56—0; Hutchinson, 6—0—46—1; Jones, 12—1—53—1; Hooker, 8—1—37—0.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
G. A. Jones, l-b-w, b Price .. 0
J. B. Turner, c Titmus, b Edmonds .. 29
J. K. S. Edwards, c Murray, b Gomes .. 17
S. E. York, not out .. 73
*D. S. Macintosh, b Titmus .. 0
R. W. Hooker, l-b-w, b Titmus .. 0
R. W. Hutchison, c Brearley, b Edmonds .. 7
C. Lever, c Price, b Edmonds .. 6
†B. W. Poll, not out .. 17
Extras (b 5, l-b 10, w 4) .. 19
Total (7 wkts) .. 168
T. W. Harris, R. R. Bailey did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—11, 3—70, 4—72, 5—84, 6—95, 7—112.
BOWLING: Price, 11—2—31—1; Selvey, 10—1—23—0; Gomes, 12—6—14—1; Titmus, 12—4—27—2; Gatting, ...; Edmonds, 12—0—47—3; Featherstone, 1—0—1—0.
Umpires: A. Rhodes and T. Spencer.

Notts v Sussex

AT NOTTINGHAM

Nottinghamshire beat Sussex by 4 runs.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
†M. J. Harris, c Waller, b Snow .. 4
B. Hassan, l-b-w, b Spencer .. 0
*M. J. Smedley, c Mansell, b Spencer .. 1
C. E. B. Rice, c Greenidge, b Greig .. 19
P. D. Johnson, not out .. 57
W. Hare, c Greig, b Marshall .. 8
R. A. White, c Mansell, b Greig .. 2
H. C. Latchman, c Greig, b Snow .. 4
P. A. Wilkinson, not out .. 31
B. Stead, c Waller, b Greig .. 65
W. Taylor, b Waller .. 22
Extras (b 8, l-b 8, w 3, n-b 3) .. 22
Total (9 wkts) .. 212
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—4, 3—12, 4—59, 5—68, 6—85, 7—99, 8—117, 9—197, 10—212.
BOWLING: Snow, 12—4—25—2; Spencer, 12—6—...—2; Marshall, 10—1—32—1; Greig, 12—3—60—3; Waller, 11—1—31—1; Barclay, 3—0—13—0.

SUSSEX
G. A. Greenidge, b Rice .. 0
J. R. T. Barclay, c Rice, b Taylor .. 18
A. E. W. Parsons, b Taylor .. 16
P. J. Graves, c Harris, b Williamson .. 52
*A. W. Greig, c Harris, b Stead .. 63
M. J. J. Faber, c Harris, b Williamson .. 0
A. W. Mansell, c White, b Rice .. 12
J. A. Snow, b Rice .. 7
J. Spencer, b Stead .. 5
C. E. Waller, not out .. 14
R. P. T. Marshall, run out .. 5
Extras (b 7, l-b 7, n-b 3) .. 17
Total .. 208
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—36, 3—37, 4—159, 5—159, 6—160, 7—176, 8—181, 9—185, 10—208.
BOWLING: Rice, 12—2—29—3; Stead, 12—3—41—2; Wilkinson, 12—1—40—2; Taylor, 12—1—53—2; White, 12—3—28—0.
Umpires: R. Julian and C. G. Pepper.

Essex make light work of first day of festival

By Peter Marson

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA: Essex, with four first innings wickets in hand, lead Gloucestershire by 46 runs.

Essex's festival week began promisingly at Chalkwell Park yesterday when the host county's bowlers, led by Boyce, routed Gloucestershire's batsmen for 145. The batsmen, led by Edmeades and Fletcher, then had the warmest part of the day in which to strengthen Essex's *position. They succeeded but* lacked support and in the last 35 minutes Fletcher was the first of three batsmen to fall to Brown.

Edmeades, opening for the first time this season, made 64, with a dashing half century out of 62 *runs completed in 15 overs with* his ninth boundary, a pull off Davey. Fletcher made 62 and batting stylishly, he gave us a range of crisp strokes in an attractive and valuable innings.

Although the sun shone brilliantly in the afternoon, there was a lot of cloud about when Fletcher won the toss and invited Gloucestershire to bat. What followed confirmed Fletcher's decision, for Gloucestershire's batsmen were quickly in trouble. The *pitch had been uncovered on* Monday when there had been heavy rain at midday and dampness in the pitch was present still when Sadiq Mohammad and Stovold settled at the crease to face Boyce and Lever.

By the time Gloucestershire's innings had closed at three o'clock, these two had collected eight wickets, Boyce helping himself to the greater share with five for 55. He had begun with Sadiq, caught behind in his second over, and ended with Shackleton. Smith obliging with three of four catches behind the wicket. So Boyce's hostility, together with his ability to make the ball bounce, broke Gloucestershire's back, and in this Lever and Turner lent admirable support.

Zaheer Abbas had lingered for a while and even found time to sit down when a black dog scampered about the ground. Like several of the Gloucestershire batsmen, the intruder made a brief visit to the middle of the square, but like most of Gloucestershire's batsmen he seemed wary and suspicious of the pitch. A sniff was all he needed before making for the lush extremities of the park, there to make a run round the boundary's edge before taking to the batsmen's *path back to the pavilion.*

Zaheer was the first to retaliate and answer the bowlers challenge, but at 33 he deflected a ball that reared up from a length into the hands of second slip. After him, Shepherd and Brown had some success, putting on 49 runs for the sixth wicket.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
Sadiq Mohammad, c Smith, b Boyce .. 2
A. W. Stovold, b Turner .. 10
Zaheer Abbas, c Turner, b Boyce .. 33
R. D. V. Knight, l-b-w, b Boyce .. 1
D. R. Shepherd, c Hobbs, b Lever .. 29
J. C. Foat, c Smith, b Turner .. 1
*A. S. Brown, c Hobbs, b Boyce .. 33
D. A. Graveney, c Hardie, b Lever .. 5
A. J. Brassington, c Smith, b Lever .. 4
J. H. Shackleton, c Smith, b Boyce .. 11
J. Davey, not out .. 0
Extras (b 4, l-b 1, w 5, n-b 6) .. 16
Total (55.4 overs) .. 145
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—25, 3—28, 4—37, 5—58, 6—107, 7—134, 8—135, 9—145, 10—145.
BOWLING: Boyce, 23—1—55—5; Lever, 17.4—6—32—3; Turner, 5—...—0; ...—2; Edmeades, 4—0—5—0; Gooch, 5—1—11—0.

ESSEX: First Innings
B. E. A. Edmeades, b Shackleton .. 64
B. R. Hardie, b Davey .. 5
*K. W. R. Fletcher, b Brown .. 62
G. A. Gooch, l-b-w, b Davey .. 21
K. S. McEwan, l-b-w, b Brown .. 10
S. Turner, l-b-w, b Brown .. 2
R. E. East, not out .. 1
K. D. Boyce, not out .. 3
Extras (l-b 2, n-b 5) .. 7
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs) .. 191
N. Smith, R. N. S. Hobbs, J. K. Lever to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—108, 3—154, 4—162, 5—177, 6—184.
Bonus points to date: Essex 4, Gloucestershire 0.
Umpires: C. Cook and K. E. Palmer.

Boycott eight runs short of first 1,000 of summer

By Keith Macklin

SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 26 runs behind Hampshire.

One disappointment clouded a golden day for Yorkshire. At the end of an afternoon of total domination of a depleted Hampshire attack, Boycott was out eight runs short of becoming the first batsman to reach 1,000 runs this summer.

Boycott and Lumb had, without alarm and with untroubled confidence, produced a century partnership for the fourth consecutive match, and the Yorkshire secretary, Joe Lister, was preparing a proud loudspeaker announcement of Boycott's feat when Jesty sent a ball whipping through and Boycott was caught in the slips.

Nevertheless, it was Yorkshire's day and a further unhappy chapter in Hampshire's faltering pursuit of the title, a challenge cruelly handicapped by injury.

The sun shone gloriously and the amphitheatre of Abbeydale Park, lined with trees and marquees, eased nostalgic memories of dear, dead Bramall Lane. A perfect setting for the play and 5,000 in shirt sleeves and floral print dresses came along to enjoy Boycott in contention with Roberts and the cavalier batting of Richards and Greenidge.

Unfortunately for Hampshire and the crowd Richards, Greenidge and Roberts were among the Hampshire injured. The theatre of stars, shorn of such magic names, had the look of a provincial repertory company.

Hampshire were quickly in deep trouble on this field of slopes and inclines, where a crisp drive either races downhill to the boundary or slows alarmingly against the gradient. The left arm fast bowler, Robinson, quickly dismissed the makeshift opening partnership of Murtagh and Barrett with the assistance of the wicketkeeper, Bairstow. Turner and Sainsbury were spectacularly caught in the slips by Hampshire, and Jesty was out to another fine catch by Old in the gully.

The captain, Gilliat, and the tall, blond Rice produced a half century stand to give a degree of substance to the innings, but after lunch a refuelled Robinson beat Gilliat and Cowley with the score at 121. The dogged Rice and Stephenson helped Hampshire reach 174, but this did not seem a particularly formidable total for Yorkshire to face.

Boycott and Lumb went their serene, almost disdainful way against an attack sadly missing the fury of Roberts, and it came as something of a surprise as the evening shadows lengthened when Boycott, Lumb and Leadbeater went in the space of five runs to the bowling of the persistent and determined Jesty.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
P. Barrett, c Bairstow, b Robinson .. 6
A. J. Murtagh, c Bairstow, b Robinson .. 1
D. R. Turner, c Hampshire, b Old .. 4
T. E. Jesty, c Old, b Robinson .. 15
*R. M. C. Gilliat, b Robinson .. 51
P. J. Sainsbury, c Hampshire, b Stevenson .. 4
J. M. Rice, not out .. 37
N. G. Cowley, l-b-w, b Robinson .. 0
G. R. Stephenson, c Leadbeater, b Carrick .. 27
R. S. Herman, b Carrick .. 8
J. Southern, b Stevenson .. 5
Extras (l-b 8, w 3, n-b 5) .. 16
Total (63 overs) .. 174
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—11, 2—16, 3—22, 4—40, 5—60, 6—121, 7—121, 8—1..., 9—173, 10—174.
BOWLING: Old, 20—8—40—1; Robinson, 21—4—56—5; Stevenson, 12—0—30—2; Sidebottom, 6—2—17—0; Carrick, 3—1—5—2.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
*G. Boycott, c Rice, b Jesty .. 92
R. G. Lumb, c Stevenson, b Jesty .. 59
B. Leadbeater, c Gilliat, b Jesty .. 0
J. H. Hampshire, not out .. 13
A. Sidebottom, not out .. 2
Extras (l-b 3, w 5, n-b 4) .. 12
Total (3 wkts, 55 overs) .. 148
C. M. Old, †D. L. Bairstow, P. Carrick, G. A. Cope, A. L. Robinson, G. B. Stevenson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—127, 2—127, 3—132.
Bonus points to date: Yorkshire 4, Hampshire 2.
Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and D. G. L. Evans.

East Africa v Sri Lanka

AT TAUNTON

Sri Lanka beat East Africa by 115 runs

SRI LANKA: First Innings, 204 (Duleep Mendis 67).

Second Innings
S. Wettimuny, c and b Nana .. 35
R. Fernando, c and b Zulfiqar .. 81
Duleep Mendis, c Sethi, b Zulfiqar .. 144
B. Warnapura, c Metha, b Nagenda .. 18
M. Tissera, b Zulfiqar .. 0
*A. Tennekoon, not out .. 30
S. De Silva, not out .. 11
Extras (b 2, l-b 1, w 3, n-b 1) .. 9
Total (5 wkts dec) .. 332
T. Opatha, L. Kaluperuma, D. Chanmugam, A. De Silva did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—70, 2—154, 3—219, 4—223.
BOWLING: Frasat, 5—0—35—0; Nagendar, 14—1—74—1; Sethi, 3—0—15—0; Nana, 17—1—55—1; Zulfiqar, 28—1—127—3; Harilal, 1—0—7—0.

EAST AFRICA: First Innings 208 (Jawahir Shah 50, Harilal R. Shah 59).

Second Innings
Pralul Mehta, c Tissera, b S. De Silva .. 12
Yunus Badat, c Mendis, b Opatha .. 9
Ramesh Sethi, c Mendis, b Opatha .. 0
S. Walusimba, st Fernando, b S. De Silva .. 54
Jawahir Shah, c Tennekoon, b Tissera .. 30
Frasat Ali, c Warnapura, b S. De Silva .. 13
Zulfiqar Ali, st Fernando, b Tissera .. 28
*Harilal R. Shah, c sub, b Tissera .. 35
Shiraz Sumar, c S. De Silva, b Tissera .. 18
P. G. Nana, c Kaluperuma, b Tissera .. 16
John Nagenda, not out .. 5
Extras (b 9, w 1, n-b 4) .. 14
Total .. 213
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—1..., 3—55, 4—79, 5—110, 6—131, 7—151, 8—175, 9—199, 10—213.
BOWLING: Opatha, 7—2—14—2; Chanmugan, ...—0—15—0; S. De Silva, 25—11—40—3; Kaluperuma, 11—6—30—0; Tissera, 24.1—3—75—5; A. De Silva, 10—7—...—0.
Umpires: T. B. Scott and B. Knight.

Derby v Warwick

AT BURTON-ON-TRENT

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings
J. B. Bolus, lbw, b Bourne .. 10
A. Hill, c Amiss, b Hemmings .. 46
M. H. Page, c Whitehouse, b Perryman .. 15
A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Murray, b Perryman .. 0
J. M. Ward, c Whitehouse, b Perryman .. 1
G. Miller, c Amiss, b Perryman .. 51
F. W. Swarbrook, st Murray, b Lewington .. 30
*†R. W. Taylor, b Bourne .. 34
S. Venkataraghavan, st Murray, b Lewington .. 15
K. Stevenson, c Hemmings, b Lewington .. 3
M. Hendrick, not out .. 5
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, w 2, n-b 1) .. 9
Total (90 overs) .. 214
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—15, 2—51, 3—51, 4—57, 5—87, 6—137, 7—175, 8—197, 9—207, 10—214.
BOWLING: Brown, 17—6—37—0; Bourne, 19—4—51—2; Perryman, 27—5—59—4; Hemmings, 15—5—33—1; Lewington, 14—7—35—3.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
J. A. Jameson, c Page, b Hendrick .. 40
D. L. Amiss, c Miller, b Hendrick .. 6
J. Whitehouse, not out .. 13
A. I. Kallicharran, not out .. 6
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 2) .. 5
Total (2 wkts, 26 overs) .. 70
K. D. Smith, D. L. Murray, E. E. Hemmings, W. A. Bourne, *D. J. Brown, S. P. Perryman, P. J. Lewington to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—28, 2—57.
Bonus points: Derbyshire 2, Warwickshire 3.
Umpires: W. L. Budd and H. Horton.

Worcester v Oxford U

AT WORCESTER

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
G. M. Turner, not out .. 214
K. W. Wilkinson, c Fisher, b Wingfield-Digby .. 46
E. J. O. Hemsley, b Wingfield-Digby .. 5
J. M. Parker, c Wingfield-Digby b Marks .. 30
P. A. Neale, c Fisher, b Imran .. 4
G. R. Cass, not out .. 52
Extras (l-b 3) .. 3
Total (4 wkts dec) .. 351
I. N. Johnson, R. Senghera, J. D. Inchmore, V. A. Holder, J. Cumbes did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—106, 2—151, 3—224, 4—248.
BOWLING: Imran Khan, 21—0—76—1; Fursdon, 15—2—68—0; Cantley, 5—0—38—0; Marks, 26—3—101—1; Wingfield-Digby, 11—1—38—2; Brettell, 5—0—30—0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings
*T. R. Glover, not out .. 22
A. C. Hamilton, not out .. 19
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 3) .. 4
Total (no wkt) .. 45
V. J. Marks, Imran Khan, D. W. Jarrett, A. M. N. Longmore, A. R. Wingfield-Digby, E. D. Fursdon, P. B. Fisher, D. Brettell, C. R. T. Cantley to bat.
Umpires: W. E. Alley and D. Oslear.

Second XI competition

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire II, 103 and 375 for 8 dec (M. Mills 91, G. Wallen 81, S. Barker 56); Hampshire II, 275 for 5 dec and 75 for no wkt (N. Minnaar 50 not out). Match drawn.

CARDIFF: Glamorgan II, 200 for 5 dec (A. Francis 70 not out, R. C. Ontong 68), and 7 for no wkt; Worcestershire II, 125.

Other matches

EDINBURGH: Scotland, 198 (G. F. Goddard 82 not out, C. G. Whiteside 5 for 80); MCC, 67 for 5.

EASTBOURNE: D. H. Robins's XI, 321 for 6 dec (A. Jones 136, H. Pilling 107, D. P. Russell 4 for 99); Cambridge University, 35 for 1.

Today's cricket

TOUR MATCH
CANTERBURY: Kent v Australians (11.30 to 6.30).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
BURTON-ON-TRENT: Derbyshire v Warwickshire (11.0 to 6.30).
WESTCLIFF: Essex v Gloucestershire (11.0 to 6.30).
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Hampshire (11.0 to 6.30).

OTHER MATCHES
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Oxford University (11.30 to 6.30).
EASTBOURNE: D. H. Robins's XI v Cambridge University (11.30 to 6.30).
EDINBURGH: Scotland v MCC (11.30 to 6.30).

SECOND XI COMPETITION
CARDIFF: Glamorgan II v Worcestershire II.
BEDWORTH: Warwickshire II v Northamptonshire II.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 5, Detroit Tigers 0 and 4—2 second game; New York Yankees 3, Baltimore Orioles 1; Cleveland Indians 8, Boston Red Sox 3; Chicago White Sox 7, Texas Rangers 6; Kansas City Royals 5, California Angels 3; Oakland Athletics 6, Minnesota Twins 4.

National League: Chicago Cubs 13, Montreal Expos 6; Philadelphia Phillies 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 5, and 8—1; Cincinnati Reds 3, Atlanta Braves 0; New York Mets 4, St Louis Cardinals 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 8, Houston Astros 3; San Diego Padres 2, San Francisco Giants 1 and 3—0.

Horse show

Cup is relinquished by Sammy Dasher

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

The much garlanded Sammy Dasher was forced to relinquish the Edward, Prince of Wales Cup at the National Hunter Show at Shrewsbury yesterday to Mr and Mrs Robert Oliver's three-year-old, *Highfield Diplomat. He had* won the championship on his first appearance in the ring at the Three Counties Show two weeks earlier.

Bred in Lancashire by Mrs Sycamore, by the late Bill Robertson's premium stallion, Major Sol, Highfield Diplomat was bought by Mr Roberts two years ago, only a week before he died. After the colt had won at Malvern, he was sold to Mr Oliver and is qualified for the Lloyds Bank in-hand championship at Wembley.

Reserve for the supreme award was Mrs Alan Ferguson's Clipston, another three-year-old, by Fury Royal, who stood champion at the Royal Cornwall and Royal Highland shows earlier in the month.

The Walker-Okeover Cup for the champion filly went to Mrs Edward Studd's Flirtation II, by Halation out of a mare by Your Fancy. Reserve was a two-year-old from Devon, Mrs Reginald Burrington's chestnut, Helwell Magnum, by Raoul.

Sammy Dasher *himself*, who was beaten by two thoroughbreds, won the Hally Jarrett Memorial Trophy for the best non-thoroughbred colt, presented by Norman Crow in memory of his master showman, who died during the winter.

Both of the brood mare awards were given by Mr Vivian Bishop and Mr John Carswell to West Country Matron, with the Hunters' Improvement Society's Champion Cup going to Mr and Mrs S. C. Lloyd's Cathy Garnett, a mare bred in Cornwall by the premium stallion, Little Cloud, out of an Irish hunter mare. Reserve was Colonel and Mrs Tony Coote's bay six-year-old, Newton More, by Game Rights out of Tweedmore by Border Legend, bred by Miss Sordy in Northumberland and found in Scotland by Leslie Scott.

The confrontation continues at the Royal Show next week, when the three good three-year-olds who did battle here from a total entry of 402 mares and young stock will pursue their rivalry under different judges. They are three young horses of which the Hunters' Improvement Society can well be *proud, and a splendid advertisement for the premium stallion* scheme.

EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES CUP: Mrs R. Oliver's Highfield Diplomat; reserve, Mrs A. Ferguson's Clipston.
CHAMPION BROOD MARE: Mrs S. C. Lloyd's Cathy Garnett; reserve Lt-Col and Mrs A. B. Coote's Newton More.
CHAMPION PRODUCE GROUP: 1, Major Sol; 2, Quality Fair; 3, Commander.

Salisbury results

2.15 (2.16) WILTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £728: 5f)
On The Green, ch c, by Huntercombe—Get There (Mrs H. Renshaw), 7-12 .. G. Duffield (11-4 fav) 1
Queezy, b f, by Lear Jet—Quaint (Maj J. Pope), 9-0 .. P. Waldron (7-1) 2
No Bars, b c, by Sing Sing—Mamzelle (Ld Cadogan), 8-6 .. T. Rogers (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Annaray, Redstone, Will he Venture (4th), 10-1 Dancing Tara, 11-1 Singing Time, 14-1 Song's First, 20-1 Fishy Tale, Hightown Lad, Storm Torch. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 44p; places 19p, 24p, £1.54. J. Bethell, at Whatcombe. ½l, hd. 1min 1.0sec.

2.45 (2.45) BIBURY CUP HANDICAP (3-y-o: £921: 1½m)
Busted Fiddle, ch c, by Busted—Dolina (H. Zeisel), 8-1 .. A. Murray (6-1) 1
Norfolk Light, b f, by Blakeney—Strong Light (Mrs J. Martin), 8-3 .. P. Waldron (11-2 jt fav) 2
Comet Kohoutek, b c, by Le Levenstell—Armeria (Mrs R. Francis), 8-0 .. B. Rouse (11-2 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Pal's Bambino (d), 7-1 Mistress Clare, Hurlingham (4th), 8-1 Night Sky, 10-1 Gypsy Forecast, 14-1 Duck Buster, Ready Market, 20-1 Believer. 11 ran.
Pal's Bambino finished first, Busted Fiddle second and Norfolk Light third. After a stewards' inquiry Pal's Bambino was disqualified and the placings were altered.
TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 25p, 20p, 27p. H. Price, at Findon. Sh hd, 1l. 2min 34.99sec.

3.15 (3.15) GWEN BLAGRAVE HANDICAP (£1,200: 1½m)
Rio Alta, b c, by My Swanee—Alea Yacta (Ld Weir), 3-8-6 .. A. Murray (11-4) 1
Court Clown, ch c, by Silly Season—Last Case (Maj L. Adam), 4-9-7 .. B. Taylor (6-5 fav) 2
Red Brigand, b g, by Red God—La Brigantine (H. Blagrave), 6-9-3 .. J. Matthias (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 St Barnabas (4th).
TOTE: Win, 33p; forecast, 61p. H. Price, at Findon. ½l, 3l. 2min 7.90sec.

3.45 (3.47) "ELIZABETH" STAKES (£579: 1m)
Court Melody, b h, by Kings Leap—Sea Melody (Mrs C. Arnelund), 5-9-11 .. Miss D. Thorn (13-8 fav) 1
Trustful, b c, by Reliance II—Julietta (Mrs N. Fenton), 4-10-2 .. Mrs E. Mellor (7-4) 2
Arctic Rascal, b g, by Arctic Kanda—unregistered (J. Owens), 4-9-3 .. Miss K. Freeman (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 14-1 Major Tory, 16-1 Galadriel, 20-1 Eric Stuart, Bold Amber, 33-1 Loughboro College, Barbary Prince, Country Lass, Dark Grey, Perfect Marriage (4th), Pirate's Date, Laurel Do, Squitter. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 13p, 12p, 16p. W. Fisher-Chewton, at Mendip. 1½l, 4l. 1min 43.82sec.

4.15 (4.17) SHREWTON PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 6f)
El Capitan, br c, by Captain's Gig—Capulo (C. Moore), 9-0 .. Ron Hutchinson (11-8 fav) 1
Cricket Bat, ch f, by Indigenous—Sister Willow (Mrs O. Lusty), 8-11 .. R. Marshall (8-1) 2
Sabala, b f, by Tribal Chief—Svonno (Brig M. Gordon-Watson), 8-11 .. P. Waldron (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Katmandu, 11-1 Hightown Streak, 12-1 Double Mask, 15-1 Wickwell (4th), 16-1 Uncle Joe, 25-1 Initial, 33-1 Crimson Coon, Father Figure, Rushall, Survival, Tien An Mon, Willie May, Rashara. 16 ran. French Reverse did not run.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 13p, 20p, 32p. J. Dunlop at Arundel. 2½l, sh-hd. 1min 15.41sec.
Joans Song (25-1) was withdrawn. Rule 4 did not apply.

4.45 (4.49) WEYHILL STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £506: 5f)
Light Link, b f, by Tudor Music—Caronbrook (R. Tikkoo), 8-11 .. F. Durr (9-4 fav) 1
Peta, b f, by Petingo—Nellie (T. Rootes), 8-11 .. P. Eddery (7-2) 2
Hunter's Paradise, b f, by Huntercombe—All Royal (R. Murphy), 8-11 .. R. Street (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Country Niece, 12-1 Puzzi, 33-1 Fiery Performance, Matsushima, Moneymusk, Serene Thought, Sweet Horlese, Veiled Secret, Wimberry (4th). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 11p, 17p, 18p. A. Breasley, at Epsom. 2½l, ½l. 1min 3.27sec.

5.15 (5.17) PEMBROKE PLATE (Div I: 3-y-o: £345: 1½m)
Amber Sun, ch c, by Amber Rama—Varinia (R. Tikkoo), 9-0 .. F. Durr (11-4) 1
Over the Moon, ch c, by Double Jump—Sheer Joy (Sir R. Cohen), 9-0 .. L. Lewis (7-1) 2
Ordnance Hill, ro c, by Town Crier—Lrydion (R. Reeder), 9-0 .. G. Starkey (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Sea Rose (4th), 5-1 The White Seal (4th), 14-1 Persian, 16-1 Extol, 20-1 Red Colorado, 33-1 Broke, Hart of Oakfields. 10 ran. Pigalle Roi did not run.
TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 17p, 19p, 54p; dual forecast, 91p. A. Breasley, at Epsom. 4l, 2½l. 2min 11.07sec.

5.45 (5.46) PEMBROKE PLATE (Div II: 3-y-o: £345: 1½m)
Dred Scott, b c, by Tom Rolfe—Free Model (Mrs D. Hewitt), 9-0 .. J. Mercer (4-7 fav) 1
Pale Saint, gr c, by St Paddy—Palestream (W. Mann), 9-0 .. B. Taylor (12-1) 2
Bold Arrow, b c, by Bold Lad—Loulen (R. Fitton), 9-0 .. F. Durr (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Meet My Friend, 20-1 Miss Merida, 33-1 Deeside Sultana, Frau (4th), Grand Rose, Port Side, Simply Heavenly. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 11p, 19p, 17p; dual forecast, £2.40. W. Hern, at West Ilsley. 2l, 2½l. 2min 12.65sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Rio Alta, El Capitan, £5.05. TREBLE: Busted Fiddle, Court Melody, Light Link, £14.95.

Liverpool

2.30 (2.32) FRESHFIELD MAIDEN PLATE (2-y-o: £545: 5f)
Sindo, br f, by Derring Do—Sinella (Mrs C. Pugh), 8-8 .. T. Ives (5-2) 1
Pickwood Sue, gr f, by Right Boy—Lucky Deal (H. Pickering), 8-8 .. L. Charnock (5-2) 2
Go About, br f, by Whistling Wind—Tackienne (R. McAlpine), 8-8 .. J. Seagrave (8-13 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Mayo Melody (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21.7; forecast 27.6p. R. Hollinshead, at Upper Longdon. 4l, 2l.

3.0 (3.1) BLUNDELLSANDS HANDICAP (£700: 1m 5f)
Jacanta, gr f, by Jolly Jet—Ares Sister (J. Warner), 4-8-7 .. M. L. Thomas (7-4 fav) 1
Ezra, gr c, by Pongo—Lucy (Miss J. Winter), 4-8-7 .. S. Webster (11-1) 2
Galah Bird, b f, by Darling Boy—Lyre Bird (T. Parks), 4-8-2 .. O. Gray (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Pateko (13-2 Impie (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; forecast, 57p. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket. 1l, 2½l.

3.30 (3.32) FORMBY HILLS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £886: 1m)
The Opportunist, b c, by Polyfoto—Take Every Chance (A. Hall), 7-5 .. R. Fox (5-4) 1
Dubello, b c, by Porto Bello—Dux Girl (D. Robinson), 9-0 .. B. Raymond (4-6) 2
TOTE: Win, 41p. W. Wharton at Melton Mowbray. 5l.

4.0 (4.5) EXCHANGE HANDICAP (£713: 6f)
Mujon, gr h, by Quorum—Persica (Mrs M. Johnson), 6-8-10 .. P. Cook (6-4 fav) 1
Red Dawn, ch h, by Red God—African Dawn (Mrs V. Rankin), 5-8-7 .. T. Ives (8-1) 2
Ballpet, b c, by Balidar—Strumpet (D. Robinson), 3-8-8 .. B. Raymond (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Atrek (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 16p; forecast, 41 2h. P. Cundell, at Compton. Nk, 2½l.

4.30 (4.32) KNOTTY ASH MAIDEN PLATE (£545: 1m 6f)
Lomaloma, b f, by Alcide—Lalibela (S. Vanian), 4-9-4 .. B. Raymond (6-1) 1
Temple of the Sun, b f, by Aureole—Sounion (Count C. Sellern), 3-8-3 .. W. Carson (5-2) 2
Robert de Holland, b g, by Aglojo—Some Money (F. Rainbow), 4-9-3 .. G. Cadwaladr (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav High Blaze (4th), 5-1 Sweet Innocence, 10-1 Dryadara, Mineva, 16-1 Connar Glow, Rule of Tom. ... ran.
TOTE: Win, 81p; places, 21 14, 21p, 47p; dual forecast, 96p. R. Boss at Newmarket. 2l, 8l.

5.0 (5.0) MOSS BANK PLATE (2-y-o £414: 6f)
Huntsman's Leap, ch c, by Welsh Pageant—Sunsuit (Lord Derby), 8-11 .. W. Carson (4-6 fav) 1
United, b g, by Merger—Dr Dins Day (S. Fraser), 8-8 .. P. Cook (100-30) 2
Spring Hope, ch c, by Palestine—Sadair's Bouquet (D. Robinson), 8-11 .. B. Raymond (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 14-1 Bam (4th), 16-1 Mercedem, 20-1 Shanlunan. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 13p; places, 11p, 13p; dual forecast, 19p. B. Van Cutsem at Newmarket. 4l, 1½l. Hard Penny did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: The Opportunist, Lomaloma, £14.05. TREBLE: Jacanta, Mujon, Huntsman's Leap, £2.60.

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Bernard Levin

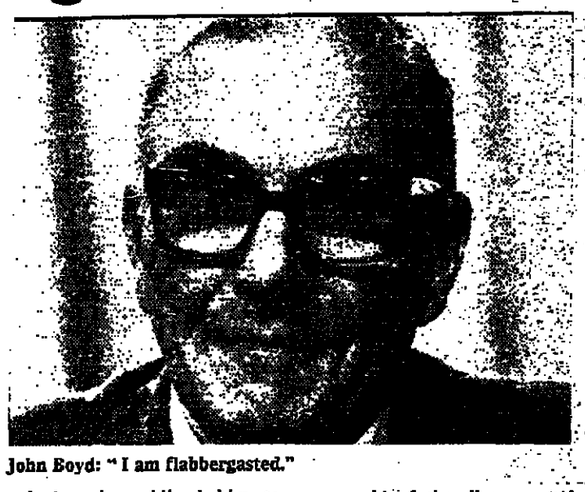
The doing-down of a moderate

Mr John Boyd, General Secretary of the AUEW, has been reported as saying, of the coup by which he has been removed from his seat on the General Council of the TUC: "I am flabbergasted." If he really did say that, the remark clearly indicates a momentary lapse in Mr Boyd's normal sagacity, for he, of all people, ought not to be surprised at any demonstration of the lengths to which his (and our) enemies will go to ensure that democracy shall not prevail in any matter over which they have any influence. Yet what is happening in the AUEW, the second largest, and in many ways most powerful, union in the country, is so scandalous, and at the same time so perfect an epitome of the way in which grotesquely unrepresentative minorities in all the divisions of the Labour movement impose their will upon those who do not wish them to do so, that it demands comment.

"Unrepresentative minorities": "impose their will upon those who do not wish them to do so": similar phrases are constantly heard in discussion of these matters. But for once they can be supported with hard figures. Mr John Boyd was elected General Secretary of the engineers' union with the highest number of votes the union has ever recorded for any office, with 164,276 votes to 92,216 for the communists' favoured candidate, Mr Bob Wright. And those figures underestimate the extent to which the membership refuses, given the direct choice, to follow the communist line, for if there is one thing that is certain about the communists in the trades unions, it is that they poll their full strength (or even whenever they think they can get away with it, rather more), so the tally for the fellow-travelling Wright represented the very largest possible measure of support, in the vote for AUEW General Secretary, for a communist candidate or one whom the communists back; it is safe to say that there could have been hardly a handful of communist supporters who did not exercise their vote in that election.

We know what then happened. Mr Boyd was the indisputable choice of the membership for general secretary; but his enemies moved swiftly to reduce the harm done to their movement and their aims. First, in the Rules Revision Committee, they fought to abolish the more democratic method of direct postal voting by which Mr Boyd won. They were narrowly defeated in that battle, but those who do not believe in democracy can hardly be expected to accept the result of a vote against them (compare the charming remark by Senhor Cunhal, the Portuguese communist leader, earlier this week, when he said, commenting on the elections in which he had been so crushingly defeated: "If you believe that the question can be reduced to percentages of votes obtained by one party or another, you deeply deceive yourself") and there followed, therefore, the squalid manoeuvres by which they tried to fiddle that vote retrospectively. By disqualifying two pro-democracy members of the Rules Revision Committee they changed the result of the vote on postal ballots from 27—25 against them to 25—25, and thus enabled Mr Scanlon to give the casting vote, which he naturally gave in their favour. (Mr Scanlon may object to that "naturally"; if he can point to any consistent course of action he has followed, since he left the Communist Party, that shows any serious divergence from its line on any serious subject, it may be possible to take his objection seriously.)

Next, the executive was to meet to adjudicate on the disqualifications and on the consequent vote to abolish direct postal ballots. At the executive meeting before the one at which this decision was to be taken, the moderates' ranks were depleted by unavoidable absence; their enemies seized the opportunity to carry a resolution obliging Mr Boyd to take up his duties as General Secretary at once—which, under the union's rules, obliged him to vacate his seat on the executive. So when the executive finally came to the crucial vote which would decide the fate of the postal ballot, the executive split 3—3; Mr Scanlon again, naturally, gave a casting vote against democracy.



John Boyd: "I am flabbergasted."

At this point, the moderates in the AUEW roused themselves; they simply were not prepared to have their union stolen from them in this fashion. They went to the High Court for a ruling that the disqualifications were improper and Mr Scanlon's casting vote *ultra vires*, and got such a ruling in the form of an injunction; for the moment, therefore, the direct postal ballot remains, and an epic battle is certain in the autumn, when three executive seats are to be voted for. (They are the ones Mr Boyd vacated on becoming General Secretary, another one which will fall vacant on the retirement this year of the present holder, and that of Mr Boyd's communist-backed opponent for the general secretaryship, Mr Wright, who is up for re-election. If all three can be won by the moderates, they will have an unassailable majority on the executive. Whence, of course, the communists' determination to get rid of the direct postal ballot in time.)

The communists had been defeated by the union's members in the Boyd-Wright election, and then in the fight over the postal ballot; the latter defeat had now been confirmed by a court ruling. But with these avenues closed, they simply moved into another. Boyd is the enemy; Boyd is solidly in office as General Secretary; very well, Boyd must be struck at wherever he remains vulnerable.

They moved to throw him off the General Council of the TUC (the AUEW has three general council seats, and whomever they nominate is normally automatically accepted), arguing that the AUEW General Secretary has never previously been a member of the General Council. But never before has the General Secretary already been a member of the General Council for eight years before becoming General Secretary, or a member of the AUEW executive for 22 years; nor is there any precedent for a major union (or possibly *any* union) changing its representative on the General Council against his own wish. With the communist Mr Dixon, the fellow-travelling Mr Wright and the Stalinist-Maoist Mr Birch joined by one other member of the executive, the vote against Mr Boyd was 4—2. (Though if the usually moderate fourth had voted the other way it would have made no difference; Mr Scanlon could certainly have been relied upon to give a casting vote against Mr Boyd.) So when the TUC elections for the General Council take place in the autumn, Mr Boyd will not be put forward by the union whose members have just given him the most resounding vote of confidence in its history. Instead, the nominee will be Mr Reg Birch, a communist so extreme that he actually broke with the CP and formed his own party, and who has no serious following inside or outside the AUEW. (No doubt Mr Birch will not be a wholly reliable instrument for the furtherance of CP policy; still, on most General Council matters his line and theirs will coincide.)

By the constitution of the TUC, the unions which vote for the membership of the General Council are not obliged to accept the AUEW's nominee; in practice, however, they do, and unless there is a massive swell of moderate opinion throughout the constituent unions, it is very unlikely indeed that Mr Birch will be defeated. (Nor, of course, would Mr Boyd remain on the General Council if he were; there would simply be one fewer AUEW member.)

Mr John Boyd, armed with so massive a mandate from his members, would have been, even more than previously, a force for moderation in TUC counsels; that, indeed, is why the communists were so anxious to get him off its chief executive body. Moreover, within a few years he would, by reason of seniority of service, have become chairman of the TUC, and thus strengthened his influence still more. And the lesson we have to learn, and to teach, from what has happened is that there is a body of men who simply will not abide by the rules of democracy, in their campaign to destroy it altogether. They will accept no defeat if there is any means, however underhand, of evading its consequences; they will ignore any demonstration, however overwhelming, that they have no title to speak in the name of others; they will do down anyone who stands in their way (the disgraceful proposal to throw Mr Boyd out of a seat he had filled with such distinction for eight years should not have been given five minutes' consideration); they will treat with contempt the rights and claims of those who disagree with them, and they will press on in the direction of their great goal, which is nothing other than the destruction of democracy, until that vast majority who do not want democracy destroyed takes the necessary steps to stop them.

Sooner or later, some government—Labour, Conservative or Coalition—will have to steel itself to oblige the union movement of this country to end this kind of corruption. Great unions, with hundreds of thousands of members, are treated as the private fiefs of tiny gangs; others become instruments for the furtherance of the political aims of people whose political aims are rejected by virtually every voter in the country; others take, and act upon, decisions in the name of their entire membership which often represent the exact opposite of their membership's wishes.

The trades union movement is an important element in our national life; its views must be heeded by any government, and its wishes taken into account. But the views expressed on its behalf must be the genuine views of its members, and not of grotesquely unrepresentative minorities. If the events of the past few months in and around the AUEW help to bring nearer the day when battle is joined by government to ensure that the wishes of union members prevail over those of the minorities they reject but who claim to speak for them, we may yet have cause to be thankful that those events took place.

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Ronald Butt

How socialist ministers are tied down by socialism

A plaintive theme of Dick Crossman's memoirs (it is dominant in the earlier passages recalling his initial encounter with government office) is a lament on the minister's impotence in his ministry. The general impression he records, even though it was somewhat modified by later experience of office, is of the unreal life of a Minister of the Crown, as he is steered from place to place, and from decision to decision, by the subtle and irresistible momentum provided by his officials.

The feeling conveyed is one of helplessness and dependence in face of the muffled consultation among the civil servants which precedes and largely predetermines the decisions the minister must formally take. Cocooned in the fortress at Whitehall, Crossman felt himself to be floating on the comfortable and buoyant support of his department. With little private life away from his red boxes and appointments, he seemed to feel that a minister's total immersion in perpetual departmental activity left him small scope for real decision—though he did come to have a rather better opinion of potential ministerial power to initiate as time went on.

Most ministers and former ministers would agree that there is much force in such complaints about the bureaucratic inhibitions on political power. But I wonder whether Dick Crossman ever faced the thought that if civil servants are over-mighty, and if they leave too little room for real political decisions by the people with the formal political responsibility, this state of affairs is an inevitable consequence of socialism—whether it is the primary socialism of the Labour Party or the broader and, in some ways, more persuasive socialism which flows on as part of the intellectual climate of the time, to a greater or lesser extent under governments of any political colour.

It ought to stand to reason (though I have never heard a Labour politician acknowledge this) that the more authority over the ordinary processes of social and economic affairs is placed under a minister's nominal authority, and the more his department has to do, the less chance he has to exercise any real political control. The greater the workload placed on a government department, and the more its officials proliferate, the more the minister is handing over the analysis and the assessment of the facts (which very largely predetermine decisions) and the administration of details (which for ordinary people is the essence of political decisions) to the civil servants. Yet oddly enough it is generally socialists who complain loudest about being restricted, or even undermined, by the Civil Service.

Labour politicians tend to be schizophrenic about all this. On the one hand they like to think of themselves as libertarians, proclaiming rights before duties, and much concerned with the redress of grievances. On the other, they consistently build a machinery of state which makes freedom less and less a reality, and genuine political control harder to operate. The truth is that by the nature of things, socialism is the enemy of politics, if politics can be defined as the making of decisions by, on behalf of the community by, people who are politically responsible to it by means of properly structured arrangements.

Paradoxically, socialism is also the enemy of the "open government" to which socialists themselves are theoretically drawn with a perverse longing. The more responsibility for the things affecting the individual is swallowed within the caverns of the bureaucracy, the less chance there is (however many ministers write their memoirs after the events) of really throwing public daylight on how and where things happen.

Of course, officials have always been powerful and ministers have always relied on them—but at least the power and the reliance used to be confined to the vital yet comparatively narrow areas which are the proper role of government, and where a very large bureaucratic organization is not needed. These are law and order, defence and foreign policy, economic policy in the broad sense, and a framework for the provision of social care.

But the role of the state is no longer simply to ensure that certain things should be provided; it is increasingly to provide all these things itself. In industrial and economic matters it is no longer concerned with the framework. It intervenes at every stage; it owns; it manages; it concentrates everything at the centre. Once the obviously real and big political decision is taken to nationalize an industry or to provide a structure of interventionism, the running of the things that have been thus socialized is for all practical purposes handed over to those who have no constituency responsibility that can make them accountable to the people or to anyone else.

Even the management of the economy, which you might think to be a matter of broad principles, lacks the Chancellor of the day, along with the Prime Minister, and perhaps another economics minister or two, in conclave with their officials to produce something which the Cabinet has passively to accept.

Dick Crossman reported, as a farce, George Brown speaking to the first meeting of the 1964 Cabinet about the economic crisis which faced them, in the following terms: "Naturally you won't want to be told for fear of the information leaking, how serious the situation is. You won't want to be told what methods we shall take, but we shall take them."

Yet broad economic management could, with competence and self-confidence on the part of the political leaders (both now plainly lacking), still theoretically be within the compass of manageable political control. The real questions arise in the areas where government and its bureaucracy are social providers, managers and owners, and which intervene in industry even where the state does not own it.

Both accountability and responsibility are diminished by socialism and so, of course, is the freedom that social democrats genuinely want. Sooner or later they will have to face this intrinsic dilemma. As things are, they have supported the removal from capitalism of the discipline that once gave it efficiency and from the individual the freedom that gave him responsibility. We have created a bastard system which, by making so much of capitalism dependent on the bottomless purse of the state, and by taking over so many of the functions which should be left to individuals, has removed one sort of discipline without substituting the logical alternative.

The logical alternative is political direction by the state on a scale that would in the last analysis be inimical to our concepts of democratic freedom. Sooner or later a decision will have to be made between the present state of affairs which, as well as damaging political control, also undermines freedom and efficiency, and one of the alternatives. The first is a real socialist state which imposes a control on the bureaucracy in a very different way. The second is a willingness to prefer freedom.

Peru's peasants turn land reform into a crusade

There have been agrarian reforms in Mexico and Cuba, short-lived attempts in Bolivia and Chile, but now it is generally recognized that the reform of President Juan Velasco of Peru, which celebrated its sixth anniversary on Tuesday is the most important and extensive in the non-communist world.

Peru used to have one of the most obstinately feudal societies in Latin America. "Forty Families", or a privileged 2 per cent of the population owned 90 per cent of the cultivated land, while 50 per cent of the economically active population worked as their peones, virtual serfs, whose cash earnings did not exceed about £40 a year. But the Velasco reform broke this pattern. In a programme of 11,000,000 hectares set for expropriation by 1976, so far 6,000,000 have been affected, and for the first time in the history of Peru as a Republic, peasant Indians are being brought into the mainstream of national life. Add to this transformation the facts that the reform has so far been accomplished almost without violence, and without any drop in production, and many would already describe it as a success.

When the reform started in June 1969 the political determination to apply social justice in the countryside took second place to the economic aim to make Peru's stagnant agriculture more productive. The choice of the Military Government's earliest expropriations are a case in point.

Consider Casagrande (the Big House) for example. Situated 350 miles north of Lima it was a highly capitalized complex of refineries and plantations and of strategic importance to the national economy, accounting for 30 per cent of Peru's total sugar production. It was also the largest private estate in the country, owned by the German Gildemeister family, and covering an area the size of Belgium. Six years ago, however, Casagrande was expropriated, along with the other large estates on the coast and big cattle ranches in the highlands, and now it is the biggest sugar cooperative in the world.

Many point it out as the Government's showpiece. The expropriation was peaceful; production last year of 245,000 tons of sugar represented almost 60,000 tons more than the best annual output during the last five years of private ownership; and the real value of wages has increased four-fold since Gildemeister days.

Because of these achievements, however, Casagrande had two unforseeable effects.

Peruvian peasants: a new role in national life.

First its success only served to accentuate its privileged position. Nowhere else in Peru's peasant communities, for example, could so many television aerials be seen, or could peasants pool enough profits to maintain their own football team.

The second effect of Casagrande's expropriation was the precedent it set. Other governments in Peru, and especially the civilian Belaunde administration of the Sixties, had talked of agrarian reform, but none had dared tackle the large private estates. Thus when these were expropriated in 1969 a process of polarization was at once set in motion.

In this process an important development was the struggle at Huando, 35 miles east of Lima.

The owners noticed a loophole in the law. According to one article land over the 150 hectares, fixed as the "Unafectable maximum" for irrigated areas on the coast, would not be expropriated if distributed by the owners themselves. Accordingly they divided up the best land between relatives and friends, parcelling out the rest to peasants. But neither owners nor government fully estimated the tenacity of the peasants For 32 months, from 1970-1972 Huando's peasants staged a series of strikes, first for one day, then for a month and finally for four months. At the same time they organized marches to Lima and soon the whole Chancay valley where Huando is situated was backing the protest. Under this pressure the government capitulated.

In 1972 Huando was declared a cooperative and the article encouraging owners to divide up their own land was dropped from the law.

Shortly after Huando's expropriation, Sr Pedro Beltran, former land and newspaper owner, launched a campaign for the Defence of Small and Medium sized Properties in Peru. At about the same time, militant rural unions in the remote southern highlands near Cuzco organized a series of land invasions by peasants.

Faced with this dual confrontation, the Government wavered. Sometimes it gave into the "invaders" and expropriated the occupied land. But on other occasions, as in May last year, it decreed a law aimed at protecting landowners from expropriation in such circumstances.

The case of Andahuaylas, however, altered the balance. Andahuaylas is an area of no significant economic importance and a place where the political influence of landowners—in the courts, in commerce and among local officials—is strong. The peasants proved ripe material for the agitating tactics of Peru's ultra-left organization, Revolutionary Vanguard. And last July this group decided to move.

According to official estimates, in two months more than 20,000 peasants were mobilized by Vanguardia in land occupations covering an area of 50,000 hectares and affecting 68 private estates.

At first the Government cracked down. An estimated 20 peasants died in clashes with police. But the incident was too big to contain. No land occupations of such proportion had even taken place in Peru since the Military Government took power in October 1968, and first the foreign and later the local press reported it. By November the Government started negotiations. Most of Vanguardia's demands were met, save the one not to pay compensation to landowners.

Nonetheless, more than on any other occasion, this conciliation meant a radicalization of the reform. For the case of Andahuaylas forced the Government for the first time to recognize the problems of poor peasants. The prosperous cooperatives on the coast, for example, came under increasing criticism from officials and a search was made to find out what compensation they should make to other less productive areas. At the same time a national confederation was launched to protect the interests of an estimated three million peasants. Finally the problems of the highland farmers were tackled. Because of Andahuaylas the Government began pouring resources into areas that had previously been relegated to the bottom of the list of priorities and officials are now speeding up the process of expropriations in Peru's neglected southern highlands.

Thus what started as a reform of economic priorities, concentrating on the large production cooperatives of the coast and commercial ranches in the highlands, gradually, under pressure, has come to fulfil its social and political promises too.

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Open government is a modest hit

The first performance yesterday of the Open Government Show, starring Harold Wilson, had its *longueurs*, but I think it will run. Following the decision by Joe Haines, his press secretary, to abolish daily unattributable briefings for lobby correspondents, Wilson plans to give more on-the-record press conferences and yesterday's, in a marbled room in the Treasury, was the first.

The subject was the Industry Bill, and Wilson began with a tedious 20-minute explanation of the Government's proposed amendments to it, followed by 10 minutes of the same from Eric Varley, the Industry Secretary. Asked why he had chosen to hold a press conference at all, he said it was in order to give editors the chance to send their industrial specialists instead of confining his wisdom to political reporters.

All the same, most of the audience were familiar lobby faces, with the addition of notables like myself and a man from the Soviet embassy who sat next to me. (I should not have thought he would need much instruction in the technique of gaining state control over industry.)

Many lobby correspondents are deeply offended by the cancellation of their daily sessions, and the atmosphere was hostile to start with. Some stood at the back as if to indicate that they wanted no real part in the proceedings, and nobody laughed at Wilson's first joke, when he introduced "Sir Don Ryder, as he then was".

For the most part, though it lacked the knockabout comedy we have learned to enjoy from live broadcasts of the Commons. I was therefore surprised when a man from the BBC asked Wilson why such conferences could not be televised in future—a question which could only have been inspired by a desire to make audiences switch massively to the other channel.

There was only one really hostile question, by a reporter who asked why, now that he had got rid of Mr Benn, the Prime Minister still wanted to take charge of the Industry Bill personally. With a few more like that, and a generally slicker production, Wilson and Haines could have a modest hit on their hands.

Staying fluid

Arthur and Sheila are a nice couple. He comes from Luton, she from Kilburn. Just like any other couple, really, except that Arthur Hailey is a best-selling novelist with strong views on inflation.

Alan Hamilton joined the couple yesterday on a day trip to Brussels, where Arthur had been asked to deliver his wisdom on the crisis of capitalism. Hailey does not have to worry much about money himself. But research for his latest book *The Moneychangers*, about intrigue inside a mid-west American bank, has taught him a thing or two which he is happy to pass on.

Hailey—pleasant, bland, easy-going and artless as his pseudo-factual novels—confesses to being hooked on the subject of money. Over an airline breakfast of fried sausages and superior champagne he put down his *Financial Times* for long enough to unload his wisdom.

"The tragedy of our times is that savings are being eroded. If you have some savings, make sure you spread them around in various currencies. Stay fluid, and keep out of bonds. Stay with gold.

"Inflation goes back to Kubla Khan, who printed paper money to pay his troops. Governments who create inflation are the last ones to take the blame. They try to lay it at the door of greedy trade unions, but in the end it is governments themselves who are responsible."

Hailey, a former RAF pilot who left Britain in 1947 to take up Canadian citizenship, finds his visits to London increasingly depressing. "Tyranny begins in small ways. For instance, the British are now not allowed to buy Krugerrands; and I saw the other day that the printers at the *News of the World* were able to stop the run because they disagreed with an article. Britain is not the same free country as it was when I was a boy in Luton."

Idyllic

The Greater London Council's parks department brought summery music to many of the council's staff from County Hall yesterday, when they started a series of Wednesday lunch-time concerts by military bands. The band of the 3rd battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers took up position in a temporary bandstand between County Hall and Hungerford Bridge and did battle with the clank and boots of trains pulling into Charing Cross, occasional helicopters overhead, and the rattle of pneumatic drills from York Road.

The parks department, none too cleverly, had arranged that the concert should coincide with the watering of some of the nearby grass verges. But the audience quickly rearranged things so that the sprinklers watered the tarmac and not the grass, and then settled down to listen.

Many of the men stripped to the waist, though senior personnel remained fully clothed standing in the shade of the trees. A few morose figures, hard-pressed heads of department probably, stared glumly at the brown murk of the Thames and pretended they were not listening. When an ice cream van arrived on the nearby car park not even the hardest hearted ratepayer could have begrudged the County Hall servants their brief idyll in the sun.

Artful

It is not necessary to be a representative of the serious arts to perform at the Arts Council shop's popular lunch-time sessions. Yesterday, Hermione Gingold breezed in wearing a blue and white polka dot suit with the legend "Hermione" in chunky gold letters hanging round her neck. She was due to stage a question and answer session with the public, but said she had no idea why she was there. "I thought they were going to give me some books, pictures or a half share in the shop."

The man from the Arts Council started things off merrily by introducing his guest as Hermione Baddeley. "I love that introduction and I shall sue you", countered Miss Gingold who does not reveal her age.

In 1875 the cartoonist Cruickshank wrote a verse about Madame Tussauds in which he "dreamt that Napoleon Bonaparte was waltzing with Madame Tee", and he did this drawing to go with it. It is now being reproduced on admission tickets to the London waxworks.

She leaves the West End a success, *A Little Night Music*, in September. She felt it was unusual fare for the general public. She had been singing one song for three years now and still did not understand it.

Having done her duty by the autograph hunters, she was swept off to lunch with bouquets of flowers and a block mounted print of the Adelphi Theatre. "I was very funny" she told a latecomer who had missed the show.

Pepys and me

We diarists have a species loyalty, so I hastened yesterday to Prince Henry's Room in Fleet Street where Sir Murray Fox, the Lord Mayor, was honouring the Daddy of us all, Samuel Pepys. The room is in one of the only two City houses to have escaped the Great Fire which Pepys chronicled so vividly. Now it has been given over to a permanent display of prints and facsimiles connected with the great diarist and administrator, born nearby.

At yesterday's ceremony were several members of the Pepys Club, a commemorative society, whose members are limited in number to 70—the diarist's age when he died. One of them was Robert Latham, who is editing the new edition of the diaries. He has published eight of the planned 11 volumes so far, and delivered the manuscript of the ninth to the publisher yesterday.

"Near the end then," I said, encouragingly. "You could say that," he replied, "but the last two are the most difficult. I've been doing it for 20 years and it's a life's work. I shall finish the last one just before I die."

Latham is in charge of the library which Pepys bequeathed to Magdalene College, Cambridge and which remains just as he left it, a magnificent collection of medieval and later books, manuscripts and music. Also present yesterday was Ridley Burnett of David Paradine Publications (part of David Frost's business empire). He is printing facsimiles of some of the books from the library.

I fear I shall be unable to emulate Pepys in that respect at least. All I have to bequeath to posterity are a fine collection of books about vegetable cultivation and some insulting letters from readers, together with my fawning replies. I doubt that David Frost would want to reprint those.

A colleague received a letter from Barclaycard headquarters yesterday. It began: "The possible rail strike is likely to cause delays in the post..."

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economic statements which ribune Group published yes- y is obviously intended as fning to the Chancellor and Wilson. The last paragraph s, " The policies we have out- are those of the Labour ment. Our policies which from the Manifesto form asis on which we would be y to support the Govern- If some members of the ument are not prepared to them out they should make for others who are so pre- ."

riously the Tribune Group's es are not in fact those of abour movement. On the ry they are the policies inority of Labour Members arliament and of only a ity of trade union leaders. ir policy can be sum- ed as being essentially pro- nist, with import and ex- e controls as the essential tion of its operation. There l also be further controls on and dividends with a orary price freeze on cer- ssential commodities. There be new taxes on wealth igh incomes; there would cuts on expenditure on services but there would is in expenditure on defence ie road programme and the of Corporation Tax would creased.

objective of the policy be to create investment led h by securing the home t for British industry and ularly for our machine heavy engineering goods, textiles and footwear. The al Enterprize Board would invest £1,000 million a year in manufacturing industry. Part of these investment funds would be raised by taking over pension and insurance funds and there should be a "short, sharp bill to take over financial institutions."

Nationalization, controls, protection, higher taxation, cuts in defence expenditure and forced investment are the essential ingredients of this package. The Tribune Group believe that this would lead to stable and then rising real incomes for the mass of the people though greater equality would mean that "the fat cats — judges, senior civil servants, chairmen of nationalized industries, etc" would have their standard of living reduced.

Although the Tribune Group refer to the problem of inflation, their only measure to deal with it is to endorse agreements to limit wage increases; even these agreements are only to be in return for their package of demands. They further demand that there should be economic expansion in order to reduce the level of unemployment and restore full employment at a rigorous standard.

In fact this policy would destroy much of the prosperity that Britain still retains. It would finish the mixed economy. It would clearly be highly inflationary. It would lead to a deterioration in our competitive efficiency such as always follows the protection of industries at home which ought to be encouraged to compete efficiently abroad. A great part of the forced investment would be wasted because it would be a response not to genuine demand but to the opportunity to provide a protected home market with non-competitive goods.

There would be a collapse of confidence in the business community; no doubt there would be consideration immigration particularly of young and ambitious businessmen. The nationalization of our financial institutions would greatly damage our invisible earnings, which have stood up so well during the worst period of the balance of payments deficit. This is therefore a programme for lowering the standard of living of the British people.

The Tribune Group is putting forward an alternative programme of the left wing, and they will do everything they can to see that it is adopted in whole or in part. The pressures of inflation and the pressures which will result from trying to bring inflation to an end will give some of these proposals a spurious attraction, particularly inside the Labour Party. If the Labour Party were in opposition this left wing programme might well be adopted by the Labour Party Conference and would at least formally become what it is now falsely claimed to be, the policies of the Labour movement. Even as it is the pressure will be as great as the Tribune Group and their supporters and allies in the rest of the Labour movement can make it. As they themselves say, though in a very different sense, "for thirty years and more our nation has been on a slow march towards the precipice. Now like lemmings we are in danger of breaking into a stampede."

U CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM BOTH SIDES

left wing of the Labour are already starting the table caterwaul about the nment selling out the prin- of the Industry Bill to e the Confederation of Industry. Analysis of the es to the Bill to be intro- at the report stage, an- ed yesterday by the Prime ter and Mr Varley, makes te clear, however, that no cant concessions have been

Wilson himself went out of y yesterday to stress that anges are being made to ubstance of the Bill as it rst presented to Parliament. as speaking no less than ruth. The only significant e relates to the powers in ill under which companies be required to give a of information to the nment and to the relevant s and, even here, the es are more apparent than

the same time, Mr Wilson stressed that he was nally in charge of this t of the Government's trial policy. That he con- it necessary to make such ks is an open admission e has not recently been in ol of his administration, so s this important part of nment policy is concerned. It is also an open recognition that industry had objections to the industry bill at two levels.

The first was objection to the detail and principles of most of what was being proposed. The second was a deeper distrust of how the powers would be used, once on the statute book, by a government where industrial policy was effectively dominated by the energy and personality of Mr Benn. For Mr Benn certainly has a knack of inspiring the deepest suspicion in the minds of those who run British industry.

The concession on the powers to require companies to divulge information is welcome, since it has the effect of making them clearly "reserve powers", which was the intention as originally set out in the White Paper on the Regeneration of British Industry. Further, the machinery for invoking the reserve powers will now be so complex and lengthy that it must be questioned whether it will in practice ever be used. It remains, however, wrong in principle and probably damaging in practice that the provision of information to the Government for its own statistical and planning processes should be combined with requirements for the provision of information to employees or their representatives for the furtherance of industrial democracy.

There is widespread support across the whole spectrum of industry for the idea that the quality of information and consultation with employees within a company should be improved. There is even support for the idea that employees in a company should have rights analogous to, if not identical with, those of shareholders. If such reform is to develop, it must be based on existing best practice in industry. The worst possible climate for such development would be one in which the provision of internal information was agreed to under the threat that, if it was not voluntarily forthcoming, it would be extracted by the Minister and given to trades unions. The right place for enhancing the status of employees, if that is the aim of the Government policy, is through the necessary amendments to company legislation. And the right place for improving industrial relations is within each individual company, not in Whitehall and the head offices of national unions.

For the rest, Mr Wilson has either been unable, or has chosen not, to change back those sections of the Bill, so as to make them conform to the original White Paper, to which it supposedly gave effect. It is industry rather than the left wing of the Labour Party that should rightly be disappointed.

HO CARES FOR BROKEN HOUSES OR OLD POTS?

e past ten years there have been four occasions when ings protected by a Grade listing have been allowed to molished: all of them had reduced to a dangerous by fire or dilapidation. ever shortcomings the statu- processes have for safe- ding buildings not in the flight, a Grade One listing practice a very strong ntee of security. So, while rosland deserves applause is decision to confirm his ector's refusal to allow Bar- n Hall to be demolished, it ld not be any surprise that as done so. What is surpris- is that the question should have arisen, especially in particular circumstances of case.

ere is no doubt that Barlas- Hall deserves its place on list. It was built in the mid- teenth century by Sir rt Taylor, and though it is large in comparison with the sions of its day it is attrac- y and ingeniously composed, alternating carved and ed bays on different sides a the park in which it ds, it was bought in 1937 by ah Wedgwood and Sons, who ht to move their factories n their cramped historic site truria. Before the move was plete the war broke out, and war was followed by a period rgent building and expansion. was not until the 1950s that company seem to have given r urgent study to the future of hall (which already showed s of wear and tear). A pro- posal that it should be turned into a Wedgwood museum was considered and rejected.

Since then it has stood empty, suffering the ravages of weather and intruders, and in spite of its owners' efforts at maintenance it fell into a state of extreme disrepair. In 1973 the company asked to be allowed to demolish it, and claimed that even to restore it to "a point where the building could be put to any useful purpose" would cost upwards of £500,000. For the sake of comparison, the largest single grant of public funds ever made for the repair of a country house was £87,707 for Castle Howard, an enormous structure that had been seriously damaged by fire.

In such a case, the tragedy is always that more was not done sooner. The owner of a listed building is legally obliged to preserve it, and if he is not doing so the local authority has power to serve a repair notice. If the notice is disregarded, the building can be bought compulsorily. In practice, councils, having many calls on their funds, are reluctant to buy or even to press an owner to the point where he could turn round and require them to do so. Not until eighteen months ago did Wedgwood agree to let the Historic Buildings Bureau look for a user for the hall, but whether because of its state or the conditions the owners applied to its use, the bureau has not so far succeeded.

Of course the refusal of consent to demolish does not equip a house with either funds or function to secure its future. Mr Crosland has offered the free services of a surveyor to assess the true costs of basic restoration and suggest possible uses. The Historic Buildings Council will presumably be prepared to provide a grant (usually amounting to about half the cost), and it is hard to believe that such a building, in such a situation, would fail to find a use once it was repaired, if a serious attempt were made to discover one.

The main ground for continued misgivings is the astonishing blindness of the company to the virtue of what it possesses. In a blustering statement yesterday Mr Arthur Bryan, chairman of the group, declared that he was shocked and disappointed that such an "unimportant derelict building" should occupy anybody's efforts. With an ill-calculated juxtaposition of ideas, he boasted that the group's export earnings were worth £25m each year and promised to take note of the Minister's decision "provided our shareholders decide that part of their assets should be dissipated in this way".

It is remarkable that Wedgwood, of all concerns, should fail to see that the impulse that makes the hall precious to us is the very impulse on which their manifest prosperity depends. If people ceased to spend money for aesthetic reasons, and in particular if they ceased to value the elegant neo-classicism of the mid-eighteenth century, then Black Wedgwood and Portland ware—and most of the fine tradition which is so much a part of the group's stock-in-trade — would share Barlaston Hall's disfavour.

HE TERRORISTS RECEIVE A WELCOME IN ISRAEL

ne people may wonder ether the official and enthu- stic welcome for the return the two Israeli terrorists who rdered Lord Moyne will be ented in Britain. Of course it l. The justification for these n, who actions at the time re deplored by Dr Weizmann, precisely the same as the tification for any other rorists. Paraphrase what is d in defence of them and it applies equally to the pseudo martyrs of the PLA. They carry out their assassinations "in the name of freedom against British (Israeli) imperialism and in support of the Jewish (Palestinian) claims to the land of Israel (Palestine)". The same Stern gang of which these terrorists were members murdered Count Bernadotte, which makes it odd that United Nations forces should have provided a guard of honour for their coffins.

Of course these people have to be brave, whether they are Jews or Arabs or Irishmen or of any other nationality. Of course by their own lights they are patriots. But the great men who led the Israeli nation then did not accept the support of murder, and it is a reflection on the men who lead Israel now that they accept other and lower standards. As do almost all Arab leaders.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unbiased basis for electoral reform

From Mr Anthony Wigram

Sir, Your excellent leading article, "Fair Votes Are Part of Freedom" (June 17) has initiated an exceedingly important series of letters on the merits of various electoral systems.

It is crucially important to realize that no electoral system ever devised is, or can be, perfect. Improvement not perfection must be the clear objective fearlessly pursued. The fact is that all comparable parliamentary democracies have different systems and it follows that no system has gained the acceptance of all. Each country, usually after prolonged and careful study, has introduced a system evolved out of the traditions of the past and attempting to fulfil, as fairly as possible, the needs of the future. The size of each country, both in population and area, is certainly a relevant and important factor.

This leads on to consideration of the all important technical question, by whom, how or on what recommendation can reform be implemented. The traditional answer is by act of Parliament following the report of a Speaker's conference but all advocates of reform must surely have the gravest misgivings about this procedure. Twice before this century Speaker's conferences have recommended reform, twice they have been ignored.

The weakness lies in the composition, capability, conduct and constitutional powers of the Speaker's conference. It is convened by agreement between existing parties and composed only of members of those parties in the House of Commons, in proportion to their present strength. Its members are already grossly overworked. It cannot and does not sit every day. Its meetings are secret and it does not publish its debates. Worst of all after inordinate delay, as already indicated, its recommendations can be indiscriminately shelved.

Such a body has neither the expertise, the time or even, perhaps, the inclination to ask the right questions, let alone answer them with authority and thoroughness.

Nevertheless a Speaker's conference is, by precedent, a necessary preliminary step towards reform and cannot be by-passed. Its terms of reference could, however, be limited to the consideration of the principle—to reform or not. This should lead to a unique constitutional committee of inquiry composed not only of Members of Parliament but also of lawyers, economists, historians and academics whose professional skills and lifelong study of this subject must be an essential factor in carrying out the most meticulous, painstaking and unbiased examination of all the various systems available. A much more thorough investigation than that carried out by the members of the Kilbrandon Commission who considered only two possibilities, in a few short paragraphs, probably the product of a single meeting.

The committee of inquiry we need for the consideration of electoral reform must be fulltime, must be invested with the necessary powers to assist and dignify its inquiry and must be requested to report within six months.

The electoral system is much the most important part of any constitution. We must use all our political acumen, all our energy and expertise, all our own historical knowledge and that of other countries to devise the most perfect system of which we are capable which truly expresses the wishes of the people and will give us, once again, a Parliament we can respect.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WIGRAM,
Director, Conservative Action for Electoral Reform,
6 Queen Street W1,
629 2791,
June 24.

Death sentences in S Rhodesia

From Mr and Mrs Gup Clutton-Brock

Sir, We can understand the publicity and effort on behalf of Mr Denis Hills, a British citizen sentenced to death in Africa.

With such a precedent, we must now expect the same public concern to be manifested on behalf of British subjects, who are African, sentenced to death in Africa by British people in the British Colony of Southern Rhodesia.

There is good reason to believe that such British subjects are now being secretly and illegally hanged in Salisbury prison. Today, three Africans of outstanding character, Maurice Nyagumbo, John Mutasa and Moven Mahachi, who are personal friends of ours and are married men who have served their fellows well without regard to race, are in Salisbury prison facing charges carrying the mandatory death sentence. They are alleged to have helped young African patriots to leave Rhodesia to join the Zimbabwe Liberation Movement.

We trust that appropriate action will be taken that humanity may prevail and hanging cease in this British Colony.

Yours sincerely,
MOLLY CLUTTON-BROCK,
GUY CLUTTON-BROCK,
Gelli Uchaf,
Llandyrnog,
Denbigh, Clwyd.

Booking a seat

From Lady Burton of Coventry

Sir, Can it really be possible in these consumer-conscious days, and acceptable as admitted policy, that a would-be airline passenger makes a reservation, has this accepted and confirmed, pays for it and then is told that no seat is available?

We have an Office of Fair Trading, a Consumer Protection Advisory Committee and a National Consumer Council. We also have Parliament and the law.

Surely this matter should be dealt with at once before more passengers discover they are without what they have paid for.

Yours faithfully,
BURTON OF COVENTRY,
House of Lords,

Criticism of sentencing policy

From Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone

Sir, There can be no doubt that rape is an odious and detestable crime, and, where it is established, deserves condign, and even deterrent, sentences. It would, however, be a mistake to suppose from the discussion of a particular case that this is not the view generally held by Crown Court judges.

I take the following summary from a recently published work on Crown Court practice, based on actual cases and not on theoretical considerations. In serious cases where rape is committed by an adult, sentences seem usually to fall within the bracket 7-10 years. There are exceptional circumstances where higher sentences ranging up to life imprisonment have been supported.

In less serious cases, eg, where there has been no serious violence, or where there has been an element of invitation, sentences on adults seem to range between three and five years. Where the accused is a juvenile, a judge is faced with more difficult problems, partly caused by the limitations placed by Parliament on the courses open to him, and partly by the inherent difficulty of punishing serious crime when committed by young people.

My main object in writing, however, is to warn against the encroachment on the independence of the judiciary implicit in some recent actions by some members of Parliament and some press comment. Modern practice does not inhibit, indeed encourages, criticism of individual sentences, and this is wholly healthy. But nearly four years' experience as Lord Chancellor leads me to believe that it is seldom profitable to discuss sentences on the basis of press reports alone without, at least, a full transcript of the proceedings. When criticisms amount to demands for the removal of a Crown Court judge by political pressure brought on a Lord Chancellor, and are founded on the supposed inadequacy of a single sentences, they begin to constitute a serious danger to judicial independence.

I have known numerous complaints, some justified and all investigated, during my tenure of office both on the grounds of inadequacy and excessive severity. The latter are fairly easy to deal with since the Court of Appeal exists to mitigate undue severity. There is no appeal here (as there is in some countries) against undue lenience, and probably the absence of any such appeal is in accord with popular sentiment.

But to substitute for a judicial process political pressures taking the form of savage denunciation of individual judges (even when, as of course they do, they make mistakes) is to introduce a new, and potentially extremely harmful element into judicial administration. It is indeed nothing but a modified and updated form of mob rule. It is, I would have thought, particularly undesirable when the denunciation is of a decision thought, perhaps rightly, to err on the side of mercy, even in a bad case of a serious crime.

Yours etc,
HAILSHAM,
House of Lords.
June 25.

From Mr Francis J. M. Pole

Sir, Whilst respecting the frustration, anger and disappointment of the victims of the recent rape case heard before Judge Christmas Humphreys, and the sentiments of those who feel that a custodial sentence would have been more appropriate, may I be allowed space in your columns to comment on the effects of a similar sentence imposed by the same judge in an analogous situation some years ago.

The case in question involved armed robbery by three youths, conducted in a particularly nasty way and, unfortunately, without doubt causing lasting distress to the victim of the attack, a woman. When not only the facts of the case but the personal circumstances of the defendants—all first offenders—were brought to Judge Humphreys' attention, a suspended sentence was imposed.

I was professionally involved in the case at the time, though in a different field to that which I am following now. I have, however, kept in touch with one of the defendants and can report that despite the criticisms of the "lenient" sentence at the time that sentence would appear to have been justified since none of the defendants have appeared before the courts on criminal charges since that time. Indeed, because of the understanding and compassion of Judge Humphreys each defendant told me that he felt morally bound to live up to the trust and expectations of the judge who might well have committed each of them to prison.

As a member, now, of the National Association of Probation Officers I fully endorse their statement which welcomes the individual sentencing of offenders. The strict imposition of a tariff system "to let the punishment fit the crime" (Mikado) makes for good entertainment but hardly represents the justice which should be meted out by a humane society.

Yours etc,
FRANCIS J. M. POLE,
44 Northwood Tower,
Marlowe Road,
Walthamstow, E17.
June 24.

From Miss Margaret T. Garner

Sir, I am forced to write this, my first letter to a national newspaper on reading reports of Jack Ashley, MP's motion for the resignation of Judge Christmas Humphrey. I was shocked and surprised that a professed defender of democracy would even consider the sacking of a judge because his decision was unpopular.

One of the things that distinguishes Britain from other democracies is the independence of its judiciary; should one now commence to require the sacking of judges whose decisions do not accord with the views of Parliament we sink to the level of a Banana Republic where judges can be dismissed at whim and where judgments are written by the rulers. Justice should remain unfettered. Only when a transcript of the trial and social and psychiatric reports on the man have been read is an individual in a position to comment.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET T. GARNER,
20 Charleville Mansions,
Charleville Road, W14.
June 23.

From Dr T. L. Hobday

Sir, Presumably if a judge at the Old Bailey gains the reputation for severity in sentencing (while remaining within the Statute), the administrator, a Civil Servant, has the right to ensure he hears no further cases of the same offence?

Yours faithfully,
T. L. HOBDAY,
8 Princes Park Mansions,
Liverpool, L8.
June 24.

The Field at Waterloo

From the Duke of Wellington

Sir, 10 years ago, on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, you were good enough to publish in your columns a letter signed by my father, Lord Anglesey, Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, and Sir Roderick Barclay, appealing for funds to restore the Chapelle Royale and the Wellington Museum at Waterloo. The latter is housed in a building which served as the first Duke's rear headquarters during the battle.

There was a most generous response to this letter and I think it proper that those who contributed should know how the Belgian authorities and the Commune of Waterloo have used the funds from this country and those generated from within Belgium, whether from government or from private sources.

A programme of restoration and repair has taken place over the past 10 years and will be completed with the reopening of the museum today (June 18), the 160th anniversary of the battle. During this period the British regimental monuments within the walls of the Chapelle Royale have been restored, and the building was reopened to visitors again last year.

At the time of the 150th anniversary of the battle a new site had been cleared at the back of the old museum, and this was converted by the Central Office of Information into a most imaginative extension to the old museum. Since 1965 there have been many interesting additions to the museum from public and private sources.

Complementary to this work has been the formation during the past year of two committees here and in Belgium, known collectively as the Waterloo Committee, and composed of a number of distinguished Belgian, British and German men and women. In this country Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, Lord Anglesey, Lady Longford and Mr David Howarth have most willingly agreed to serve on the committee in an advisory capacity. Mr Donald Crawford and Miss Frances Loudon represent on the committee the Library of Imperial History, which has given a most generous initial endowment to the committee's work.

The aims of the committee are threefold, and I believe them to be entirely non-political and unbiased.

First, the committee will foster and encourage military and strategic studies of the battle and the events leading up to it. In this connection there was, for example, a symposium at the Waterloo Museum in May of last year, at which a number of distinguished speakers spoke on various aspects of the battle.

Secondly the committee seeks to ensure the preservation of the battlefield and to safeguard it from any undesirable development in the future.

Thirdly the committee intends to take steps to ensure that the visitor to the battlefield has a better appreciation of the historical events of June 18 than exists at the moment. To this end a new *Guide Book* has been written by David Howarth and Professor Henri Bernard in English and French, and is already on sale on the battlefield and elsewhere: Flemish and German editions will follow shortly. Other steps that have been taken by the committee are the planting of trees in areas known to have been afforested at the time of the battle, and better signposting to the battlefield and in the area of Mont St Jean itself.

The committee now hopes to enlist the help of those who are interested in its work by forming an Association of the Friends of the Waterloo Committee. Anyone interested should write to Miss Frances Loudon, The Library of *Imperial History, 55 Museum Street*, London, WC1.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,
WELLINGTON,
Stratfield Saye House,
Reading.
June 18.

The century's last quarter

From the Reverend Peter Smith

Sir, In the Parliamentary Report in *The Times* (June 14) I see that the Prime Minister is referring to the present time as being in the last quarter of the 20th century. The same mistake has been perpetrated by at least two diocesan Bishops, and by several other persons who ought to know better.

The last quarter of the 20th century begins on January 1, 1976, and ends on December 31, 2,000. If we use modern dating methods, the 1st century began on January 1, 1 AD, and ended on December 31, 100 AD. Or again, Queen Victoria, who died on January 22, 1901, only lived for 22 days of the 20th century which began on January 1, 1901.

Yours faithfully,
PETER SMITH,
Greenhill Vicarage,
11 Flambard Road,
Harrow, Middlesex.

Decision to cut news on BBC 2

From Mr Don Anderson and Mr Julian O'Halloran

Sir, We are writing to inform you, on behalf of journalists and others who work in BBC Television News, of the recent decision to cut the news on BBC 2.

From next September the main evening programme of news in depth, *News Extra*, will be replaced with an ordinary bulletin of fifteen minutes.

We who work in television news were not consulted about the decision and so far we have been given no coherent explanation for it. We have been assured however that the reasons are not financial. We are unanimous that it is wrong and must be opposed. We have made our views known to the Director General, through a meeting with the Editor, News and Current Affairs, Desmond Taylor, and by union resolution supported jointly by the National Union of Journalists, the Association of Broadcasting Staffs, and the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians.

There has been a half-hour news programme on BBC 2 for many years now, and our view is that the decision to abolish it involves a fundamental and damaging change of direction, style and treatment of television news. At a time when many other broadcasting organizations around the world are increasing their news output, and when the complexity of the subject matter is growing, we regard the cut-back as an inexplicable and retrograde step. If it goes ahead the BBC television service will be deprived of its only opportunity to deal on a considered way with news and to deal with it on the day.

Yours faithfully,
DON ANDERSON, Deputy Father of the Chapel,
JULIAN O'HALLORAN, Clerk to the Chapel,
National Union of Journalists,
BBC TV News Chapel,
British Broadcasting Corporation,
Television Centre,
Wood Lane, W12.
June 25.

The Commons on radio

From Mr Hugh Vickers

Sir, As a teacher of British government and politics (to A level students) may I express the hope that the parliamentary broadcasts will on no account be discontinued. To any student of the British political system, they have literally made the important subject of parliamentary procedure come alive for the first time. Without them it will be incomparably harder to learn—and to teach.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH VICKERS,
26 Ormonde Gate, SW3.
June 23.

Tests on animals

From Dr Tom Stuttaford

Sir, A Bill is being introduced in the House of Lords on Friday, June 27, to prevent the use of animals for the testing of cosmetic preparations. At first sight this would seem to be an entirely commendable recommendation. However, on reflection it would appear that the measure would not only be difficult to implement; but it might well undermine much of the legislation produced recently to ensure that there is greater protection for the public from the hazards of chemicals in general. Many of us involved in preventive medicine would like several points clarified:

1. The Bill would make illegal "any test in the course of the development of a cosmetic preparation". In practice it would be virtually impossible to identify any such test in view of the wide range of ingredients which may come to be used in cosmetics and the fact that such ingredients themselves are also used in a wide variety of other manufactures. It is doubtful whether any experiments are carried out on animals which are to test preparations exclusively for cosmetic purposes. Most cosmetic preparations contain colourings and waxes which are also used in other products, eg paints, inks, textiles and foodstuffs, agricultural and pharmaceutical chemicals etc.

2. Under the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974 employers have to know that the ingredients used by workers in the manufacture of their products are safe for their employees to handle.

3. Cosmetics have to be safe—last year alone 800 children had to receive medical attention after swallowing some form of cosmetics. If cosmetics are used on the eyes and mouth they surely should not be marketed unless they are known to be safe.

Yours faithfully,
TOM STUTTAFORD, Member of Council of the Research Defence Society,
44 Devonshire Street, W1.
June 24.

How they salute

From Lt-Col J. F. Shircliff

Sir, During nearly 25 years service, I have seen my cap badge change three times, the pattern of uniform shirt I have to buy change five times, my uniform trousers change three times and my stable belt change three times.

My personal weapon and the method of firing it have changed at least four times, the rifle drill I knew has gone. Even the drill for saluting on a bicycle has changed three or four times.

Although I have been rationalized, decimalized, standardized, computerized, integrated, metricated and amalgamated, I am still proud to pay and return compliments in the same smart open-handed Army way.

Please, please Miss Jelley (Letters, June 25), let me keep my nice "longest way up—two, three—shortest way down".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SHIRCLIFF,
9 Glebe Close,
Ambrosden,
Bicester.
June 25.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 25: Lieutenant-General Sir Chandos Blair and Major Iain Grahame had the honour of being received by The Queen this evening.

Lord Justice McGonigal had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal of Northern Ireland when The Queen conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood.

Her Majesty held a Council at 6.30 o'clock this evening.

There were present: The Right Hon Edward Short, MP (Lord President), the Lord Goronwy-Roberts (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office), the Right Hon Reginald Prentice, MP (Minister for Overseas Development) and the Right Hon Joel Barnett, MP (Chief Secretary, Treasury).

The Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe (Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms) made affirmation as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Sir Ambrose Joseph McGonigal (Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal of Northern Ireland) and Mr Bruce Millan, MP (Minister of State, Scottish Office) were sworn in Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Edward Short, MP, had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

The Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Marylebone Cricket Club, this afternoon presided at the International Cricket Conference and was subsequently entertained at dinner with the delegates at Lord's Cricket Ground.

Captain Ian Walden was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon spoke in the Debate on Voluntary Service in the Community at the House of Lords.

His Royal Highness, as Colonel, Welsh Guards, was entertained at dinner this evening by The Queen's Guard at the Officers Guard Room, St James's Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE

June 25: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother today visited Fife, including St Andrews, Crail, Anstruther, Pittenweem and St Monans, in connexion with European Architectural Heritage Year 1975.

Her Majesty returned to London in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy, Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, and Captain James Duncan Millar were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 25: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the London Orpheus Choir, was present this evening at a Recital at the Fishmongers' Hall.

Miss Jane Egerton Warburton was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester visited Chester and carried out engagements connected with European Architectural Heritage Year. Their Royal Highnesses were entertained to lunch by the Mayor at the Town Hall. In the afternoon the Duke of Gloucester opened the new Free Standing Bell Tower at the Cathedral.

Their Royal Highnesses travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland and Miss Jennifer Thomson were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

June 25: The Duke and Duchess of Kent today visited the Royal Norfolk Show at Norwich.

Their Royal Highnesses, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, were attended by Captain Peter Le Marchand and Miss Jane Pugh.

The Earl of St Andrews is 13 today.

A memorial service for Marguerite Lady Hastings will be held in Norwich Cathedral tomorrow, Friday, June 27, at noon.

A memorial service for Sir Richard Clarke will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, on Friday, July 11, at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. M. Ingleby and Miss T. L. Spencer-Nairn

The engagement is announced between John Mungo, eldest son of the late John A. Ingleby and of Mrs Ingleby, of Invermarkie, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, and Tessa, daughter of the late Sir Douglas Spencer-Nairn, Bt, and of Louise, Lady Spencer-Nairn, of Rankeillour House, Cupar, Fife.

Mr I. S. Campbell and Miss F. A. Pearl

The engagement is announced between Irvine Bentley, son of Mr Orville Campbell and Mrs Betsy Campbell, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Frances Ann, daughter of Mrs Ray Adair, of Phoenix, Arizona, and the late Stuart D. D. Pearl.

Mr N. C. A. Jones and Miss R. E. Dakers

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr J. A. P. Jones and of Mrs Pamela Jones, of The Stable House, Encombe, Dorset, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lionel Dakers, of Addington Palace, Croydon.

Mr A. D. Nunn and Miss L. A. Slade

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs L. C. Nunn, of Rudgwick, Sussex, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. K. Slade, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Dr D. Pearse Wheatley and Miss S. Viggiano Aréchaga

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of the late Mr E. Pearse Wheatley and Mrs G. E. Wheatley, of Exeter, Devon, and Susana, youngest daughter of Sr Antonio Viggiano and Sra Maria Elcira Arechaga de Viggiano, of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Mr M. F. Romney and Miss D. A. L. Black

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Dr and Mrs David Romney, of 98 Creighton Avenue, London N10, and Deborah, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs David Black, of St Michael's, Grange Hill, West Kirby, Wirral, Cheshire.

Mr R. T. Tattersall-Wright and Miss B. J. Hermans

The engagement is announced between Ralph Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Tattersall-Wright, of 3 Whincroft Park, Crowborough, Sussex, and Beryl Jose, daughter of Mr J. L. Hermans and the late Mrs E. I. Hermans, of 29 Augusta Gardens, Folkestone, Kent.

The marriage arranged between Mr Richard Grievson and Miss Julia Peyton-Jones will not take place.

The marriage arranged between Mr Richard McLaren and Miss Trisha Shann will not take place.

Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit New Covent Garden Market which the Queen opens at 11 and has luncheon with the Covent Garden Market Authority. The Duke, as president, attends luncheon to celebrate Jubilee of the National Playing Fields Association at Claridge's hotel, 1.15. The Queen and the Duke give a reception for the National Playing Fields Association at Buckingham Palace, 6. The Duke attends dinner of Metropolitan Special Constabulary at Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, 7.15.

The Prince of Wales presents awards to winners of the Variety Club of Great Britain's national essay competition, St James's Palace, 11.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is present at a Buckingham Palace reception to celebrate jubilee year of the National Playing Fields Association, 6.

Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, 10-6.

Lord Mayor presides at Court of Common Council, Guildhall, 1.

Birthdays today

Mr Campbell Adamson, 53; Sir Ashley Clarke, 72; Brigadier Sir James Gault, 73; Professor Sir Keith Hancock, 77; Vice-Admiral Sir John Lancaster, 72; Mr Laurie Lee, 61; Dr Doris Odlum, 85; Sir George Pickering, 71; Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Pulnck, 85; Mr C. G. Randolph, 76; Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, MP, 56; Brigadier Sir Charles Spry, 65; Lord Wolfenden, 69.

Timbo, the first pygmy hippopotamus to be born at Whipsnade Park Zoo for 12 years. He was born on March 2 and is 10 inches high.

Family silver attracts dealers' attention

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Several noble English families were disposing of their silver at Christie's yesterday. Dealers are always prepared to pay more for items that come directly from an old collection and have not been seen around the market place, so prices were mainly very high.

Outstanding was the £19,000 (estimate £10,000 to £12,000) paid by John Kennedy for a rare Queen Anne wine-cistern and wine-fountain (694oz), of simple traditional design by William Lukin. They were sent for sale by the trustees of the third Lord Linlithgow. Christie's had offered them for sale once already; they failed to find a buyer and were bought in at £14,500 in 1971.

In these days when tax matters need careful sorting out, trustees are constantly popping up. A group of silver sold by "the trustees of the Earl of Lonsdale's settled estates" attracted particularly strong bidding. The pieces had been on loan to the Victoria and Albert Museum since 1956 until recently withdrawn for sale.

At set of six silver-gilt wine-coasters by Paul Storr dating from 1814 went to Parviz at £10,500 (estimate £4,500 to £5,500). A Queen Anne silver-gilt sugar castor of vase shape (23oz) made £6,200 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000).

The star item of the property was a Charles II tankard and cover (38oz); it is engraved with scenes of the Plague and Fire of London, with a Latin inscription recording that Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey was given a silver flagon by Charles II for his efforts in checking the plague.

Godfrey was the magistrate to whom Titus Oates swore his rendering of the "Popish Plot"; a month later he was found murdered in a ditch.

The tankard, which was estimated at £8,000 to £10,000, was bought back for the owner at £15,000; one presumes that he made a last-minute decision against selling.

Another owner sent a perfectly standard set of fiddle-pattern table silver dating from the early nineteenth century (297oz) made £2,600 (estimate £1,200 to £1,500).

At Sotheby's the main interest of the day centred on a sale of modern British drawings, paintings and sculpture. The most sensational price was the £12,500 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) paid by Anthony D'Offay for a painting, "Heron", by Lucian Freud.

The painting dates from 1945; the heron is very dead—which might have been expected to put off squeamish collectors—but the artist has brilliantly explored the abstract pattern produced by the texture of the feathers.

Otherwise buyers appeared a little short of cash to pay for the main items (over the £1,000 mark), but there was strong bidding and some very high prices for minor delights. A "Nude Seated on a Bed" of 1896, by Wilson Steer, with echoes of Manet, went to Thomas Gibson at £4,000 (estimate £6,000 to £10,000) while a portrait by Henry Lamb entitled "Purple and Gold" on account of its rich colouristic experiment made £2,900 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000); it is a portrait of Edie McNeill, sister of Augustus John's wife, Dorelia.

A "Head of a Man" painted by Francis Bacon in 1959 failed to find a buyer and was bought in at £20,000 (estimate £25,000 to £30,000), while James Kirkman got a 1933 Henry Moore drawing for £1,000 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

There were several sculptures by Dame Barbara Hepworth which generally sold, but a little below estimate; her 1971 bronze entitled "Summer Dance" brought £4,400 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000).

Less expensive items tended to sell very well; a group of Gwen John drawings ran mainly beyond estimates, with "Le Petit Garçon Sentimental" in black chalk and blue wash at £620 (estimate £300 to £400). A black chalk drawing of a girl, by Henry Tonks, made £190 (estimate £30 to £40).

Barlaston Hall demolition refused

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The Government yesterday rejected an application by the Wedgwood pottery group to demolish Barlaston Hall, Staffordshire.

Mr Arthur Bryan, the group's chairman, said he was shocked and disappointed at the decision, and added that it would be far better if efforts and minds were applied to the modernization of Britain rather than to perpetuating unimportant decrepit buildings.

The house, thought to be the work of Sir Robert Taylor, is listed grade 1 as of outstanding architectural interest. It was acquired by Wedgwood when the group decided to move its factory and offices to Barlaston Park shortly before the Second World War, and has been derelict for many years. Estimates of the cost of restoration have been as high as £500,000, and the company has rejected as impracticable the suggestion that it should be used as a Wedgwood museum.

Yesterday's decision by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, to refuse the company consent to demolish the house comes after a public inquiry in February. In a letter Mr Crosland agreed with the inspector's conclusion that the shell of the building, at least, should be retained and a use sought for a very simplified version of the interior. He offered the services of an expert, free of charge, to make a detailed examination, to assess the cost of restoration and to recommend possible future uses.

Mr Bryan said that in the company's view the building had little or no aesthetic or historic merit, and that there was no possible future use to justify its continued existence. That view had been supported and confirmed by many eminent authorities.

"Also, we live here at Barlaston, and most of the wordy and so far tight-fisted so-called saviours are London-based", he continued. "Of course, we shall have regard to the decisions of the inquiry as far as we are able to, provided our shareholders decide that part of their assets should be dissipated in this way.

"But in our view it is a sad commentary on the state of affairs in this country when highly educated and trained minds can waste so much time debating this minor problem while totally ignoring the desperate straits of a Britain rapidly sliding into national bankruptcy. For those of us whose lives are spent trying to enhance the international prestige of Wedgwood, with its £25m a year exports, this is a verey severe setback and discouragement."

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Luncheon

Lord Nugent of Guildford

Lord Nugent of Guildford, chairman of the National Water Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the House of Lords in honour of Mr Denis Howell, Minister of State, Department of the Environment. Members and senior officers of the National Water Council and their ladies were among the guests.

Receptions

Earl of Longford

The Earl of Longford, chairman of Sidgwick & Jackson, gave a reception last night for Miss Shirley Conran to celebrate the publication of *Superwoman*.

Italian Ambassador

The Italian Ambassador, Signor Raimondo Manzini, who has been appointed Secretary-General of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, gave a farewell reception yesterday at the embassy. Among the guests were heads of diplomatic missions, members of Her Majesty's Government, members of both Houses of Parliament and other friends.

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Players

Dr Leonard Simpson, chairman of Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd, received the guests at the twentieth annual Wimbledon Tennis reception held at Simpson, Piccadilly last night. Among those present were:

Wimbledon players from home and abroad, members of the Diplomatic Corps, representatives and officials of the International Lawn Tennis Federation, the Lawn Tennis Association and the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.

Dinners

London Graduate School of Business Studies

The chairman, Lord Plowden, and the governing body of the London Graduate School of Business Studies held a dinner at the school in Sussex Place, Regent's Park, last night to mark the tenth anniversary of its founding in 1965. The principal guest was Mr Harold Wilson, the Prime Minister, who proposed the toast to the school, to which the principal, Professor R. J. Ball, responded.

Royal College of Surgeons of England

Sir Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and Lady Smith gave a dinner party yesterday evening at the college. Those present were Professor and Mrs John Loewenthal, Sir James and Lady Paterson Ross, Mr and Mrs H. H. G. Eastcott and Mr and Mrs Selwyn Taylor.

Millbank Club

The annual London dinner of the Millbank Club, preceded by a reception for members of both Houses of Parliament, was held at St Stephen's Club last night. Mr William Whitelaw, MP, Mr Mark Hapgood and Dr Victor Ragonesi were guests of the club. Lord Redmayne presided, and Mr John Cope, MP, also spoke.

Woolmen's Company

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies were the guests of the Master, Mr Leslie Canham, and the wardens and liverymen of the Woolmen's Company at a dinner at Drapers' Hall last night. The toast of the guests was proposed by Lord Porritt, to which Mrs Neville Packett responded. The toast of the company was proposed by Dr David Paul. Among the guests were the president of the Clothing Institute, Alderman P. Gadsden and Judge Deborah Rowland.

Service dinners

The Gordon Highlanders

The annual dinner of The Gordon Highlanders' Dinner Club took place last night at the United Service and Royal Aero Club. Lieutenant-General Sir George Gordon-Lennox, colonel of the regiment, was in the chair.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' regimental dinner was held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Brigadier A. C. S. Boswell, colonel of the regiment, presided, and Lieutenant-General P. J. F. Whiteley, Commandant General Royal Marines, was a guest.

Corps of Royal Engineers

The annual dinner of the Corps of Royal Engineers took place at the Park Lane Hotel yesterday evening. The Chief Royal Engineer, General Sir Charles Richardson, presided.

Memorial services

Sir Tresham Lever

A memorial service for Sir Tresham Lever was held yesterday in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street. The Rev J. B. Gaskell officiated. Sir Christopher Lever (son) and Rear-Admiral Rover Dick read the lessons, and Lady Lenanton gave an address. Among others present were:

Lady Lever (widow), Mrs David Younger (stepdaughter), Mr and Mrs Johnny Weir (stepson-in-law and step-daughter), Hugh Sidebotham (the Misses Younger step-grandchildren), the Earl of Selkirk, QC, and the Countess of Selkirk, Mrs Peter O'Sullevan, Mrs Frank D'Abreu, Mrs Ana Barclay, Mrs Bruce Dick, Mr Richard Goodwin, Mrs C. R. Wise, Mr Anthony D'Offay, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Lady Haycock-Allan, Sir Gabriel Herbert, Miss Sybil Hewett, Captain and Mrs Kenneth Woods, Mrs Hugo Pitcher and Mrs Charles Lomax (representing the Brontë Society).

Sir William Strath

A memorial service for Sir William Strath took place in St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, yesterday. The Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey officiated. The lesson was read by Sir Norman Kipping, and an address was given by Lord Plowden. The service was attended by representatives of the Confederation of British Industry, the Universities of Aston and Strathclyde, the National Economic Development Office, the British Independent Steel Producers Association, Tube Investments Limited, the British Aluminium Company Limited, the India Pakistan Association and of the Alpine Club. Among those present were:

Lady Strath, widow, Mr and Mrs Eric Brown (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Philip Stewart (nephew and niece), Mr Campbell Adamson, Sir Douglas Allen, Mr E. D. E. Andrewes, Mr P. L. Barrows, Mr J. A. F. Biggs, Mr A. S. H. Bradstreet, Mr Crawford Burgess, Dr Raymond Bonham Carter, Lord Chilver, Mr George L. Lazarus, Mr J. E. Farrell, Mr David H. Fergusson, Mr J. Campbell Fraser, Mr C. H. Grieve, Mr David Greenwood, Mr and Mrs G. F. D. Hutton, Mr and Mrs Hunnaball, Mr E. Jenner, Mr and Mrs R. S. Kelsey, Dr Richard Lloyd, Sir Robert and Lady Lusty, Mr Peter Martyn, Sir Donald MacDougall, Mr Ewen McEwen, Mr W. G. Mellows, Sir Jocelyn and Lady Meeker, Sir Peter Menzies, Sir Stanley Morton, Mr Leslie J. Murray, Mr Percy Parker, Sir Michael Parsons, Sir Anthony Part, Sir John Partridge, Lord and Lady Penney, Lady Plowden, Sir David and Lady Pitblado, Mr E. G. Pitcher, Lord Robertshall, Sir Conrad Seyssel, Mr Donald C. Tayler, Sir David Watherston, Sir Maurice Milne-Watson, Sir Richard Way, Mr Ogilvie Webb, Mr John Whitehead, Mr Martin Whitehouse, Sir Geoffrey Wilson, Sir John Wilson and Mr R. E. Ulliger.

Church news

The Rev P. Greenslade, curate of St Thomas's, Lydiate, to be Vicar of St Catharine's, Wigan.

The Rev L. S. Rose, curate of Bromsgrove, diocese of Gloucester, to be Rector of Bourton, same diocese.

The Rev R. W. Willcock, Vicar of St George with St Barnabas, Charlestown, diocese of Manchester, to be Principal of Casterton School, Kirby Lonsdale, diocese of Carlisle.

The Rev J. W. A. Woods, curate of Conisbrough, diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of St Thomas's, Lobwell and Woodsetts, same diocese.

The Rev I. J. Huss, senior curate of St Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney, diocese of London, to be diocesan youth officer, same diocese.

Diocese of Canterbury

The Rev P. W. Allen, Vicar of Orpington, to be also Rural Dean of Orpington.

The Rev L. P. Ford, Vicar of New Romney, to be also Rural Dean of South Lympne.

Canon D. I. J. Hill, curate-in-charge of St Mildred with St Mary de Castro City, to be reappointed Rural Dean of Canterbury.

The Rev H. J. C. Lloyd, Rector of Chartham, to be also Rural Dean of West Bridge.

Canon L. E. H. Perry, Vicar of Folkestone with Bridge and Bekes bourne, to be reappointed Rural Dean of East Bridge.

The Rev H. A. Sheekey, Rector of Sunsilh, to be also Rural Dean of North Lympne.

Diocese of Manchester

The Rev W. B. Anderson, Vicar of St Stephen's, Eccles, to be Vicar of St James's, New Bury.

The Rev R. H. Armfield, Rector of All Saints, Weston Heath, to be also Rural Dean of Cheetham.

The Rev S. J. Smith, Vicar of Christ Church Heaton, to be Vicar of St Gede's, Sturris Green.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, June 26, 1950

Korean invasion

From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, June 25.—Troops from North Korea crossed the 38th parallel into the Republic of Korea at several points early this morning and shortly after noon the North Korean wireless station at Pyongyang declared that a state of war had been effective since 11 am.

The attack was quite unexpected. It has certainly taken the State Department by surprise and there has been, apparently, no intelligence report of the movement or concentration of troops which might have suggested preparations for an invasion. Also the rainy season is just starting, which made this an unlikely time to undertake a military adventure.

Seoul, June 25.—President *Syngman Rhee, of South Korea*, telephoned to General MacArthur, Supreme Commander in Japan, early today appealing for aid.

Sponsors' aid for Royal Tournament

By A Staff Reporter

The Royal Tournament, which takes place in London from July 16 to August 2, is to be sponsored for the first time.

The amount raised by sponsors towards the tournament's total cost of £270,000 is £22,500 so far, equivalent to the deficit incurred last year. The rest of the money will be raised by an increase of a fifth in ticket prices.

Major-General P. J. N. Ward, the chairman, said in London yesterday: "The aims of the Royal Tournament are to show the Forces to the public and to raise money for Service charities. But increasing costs are making the second aim difficult to meet, in spite of the fact that attendances in 1974 were 10 per cent up on the previous year."

The Variety Club of Great Britain had done much to procure sponsors, he said. They included Mecca, EMI, and Burtles. Sponsors outside the club included Wilkinson Sword, the *Evening Standard*, the Army and Navy Stores, and Lambert and Butler.

Latest pamphlets

Motives behind revivalist movement

The Revival of the Convocation of York, 1837-1861. By D. A. Jennings. Earlier ecclesiastical historians have made only brief references to the long but eventually successful campaign in the middle of the last century to reawaken the sleeping Convocation of York. Mr Jennings has now produced a detailed account of the motives behind the revivalist movement. The appearance of his booklet at a time of further change in the system of government within the Church of England enhances the value of his research.

The growing importance of London in terms of government had resulted in the earlier Northern Convocation being less well attended, particularly by the bishops, and its eventual lapse into inactivity. Constitutional reforms of the early 1830s were seen by some as a threat to the church, and the need for an assembly, independent of Parliament, which could speak for the church, was canvassed. Those views manifested themselves in a campaign started in the archdeaconry of Ripon for the revival of the Convocation of York.

It was a long and often bitter struggle, lasting more than 20 years, largely because of the hostility and rigid adherence to precedent of the Archbishop of York at that time, Dr Musgrave. Mr Jennings has made a useful contribution to church history with his detailed chronicle of the revivalist cause.

Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, St Anthony's Hall, University of York, 55p (postage 8p).

The Political Plough. By John Fisher. History has a habit of repeating itself, or may be it is just that the issues are never fully resolved and keep recurring. This facsimile of a pamphlet published in 1821, the original of which is in the archives of the Museum of English Rural Life at Reading, has a strangely familiar ring about its subject: agricultural protection and the threat to English agriculture from cheap foreign corn. It was many years ahead of the later corn law controversy of the 1840s. Professor Travis Crosby, of Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, who has been researching into nineteenth-century agricultural politics, provides an introduction setting the subject in its context.

Hugh Evelyn Ltd, 9 Fitzroy Square, London, W1. 90p (postage 8p).

Bibliography of British Newspapers. This is the first part of an ambitious project by the Library Association, which will take 20 years to complete. Surprisingly, it is the first comprehensive listing that has been attempted of all British newspapers, national and local, including those no longer published, with details of the locations of files in Britain and overseas. Published histories of a newspaper or bibliographical descriptions are also noted. The bibliography is being published in parts covering each county: the first deals with Wiltshire.

Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London, WC1. £1.20 (post free).

A village in London. By Irvine Gray. Not far from King's Cross, four busy roads mark the boundary of a quiet oasis of interesting late Georgian and early Victorian buildings which make up the Amwell conservation area. It is a district with strong historical, theatrical and literary associations and deserves to be better known. The Amwell Society, which keeps a careful watch on the preservation of the area's character, has done an added service in publishing this leaflet. It is an example that could profitably be copied by similar organizations.

The Amwell Society (Mrs Jane Wainwright, hon secty), 8 Cumberland Gardens, WC1. Free on application.

Cyril Bainbridge

Latest wills

Miss Esme Dorothy Theresa Roe, of Southsea, left £58,917 (no duty shown). She left £10,000 each to the Church Missionary Society, London City Mission and London Embankment Mission. £5,000 to the Commonwealth and Continental Church Society, and after two bequests of £1,000 each to Southsea churches, and one of £500 the residue for British and Foreign Bible Society.

Sir Osbert Lancaster makes up for his 'honest fourth'

From Michael Horsnell

Oxford

Sir Osbert Lancaster, the *Daily Express* cartoonist, who has still not recovered from the surprise of his knighthood in the Birthday Honours, returned to Oxford yesterday in a more spectacular way than he left it as a student with an "honest fourth".

He found himself the centre of attention at the university's Encaenia, where he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from the hands of Mr Harold Macmillan, chancellor of the university.

Mr Macmillan, vested in the magnificent chancellorian robes kept for him for such occasions by the long-established firm of Castell's in Broad Street, admitted Sir Osbert in Latin: there was an English crib for those of us unschooled in the classics.

Sir Osbert said afterwards: "It is a bit of a surprise, and I'm not at all sure I deserve it. I only got a fourth in English when I was here as a student."

Among other recipients were Mr Arnold Cantwell Smith, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, who became a doctor of civil law; M Henri Cartier-Bresson, the photographer, who arrived with a camera round his neck and who became a doctor of letters; Professor John Franklin Enders, the microbiologist, and Professor Sir Nevill Mott, the physicist, who received honorary doctorates of science; and Miss Janet Baker, the singer, and Mr Paul Tortelier, the conductor, who became honorary doctors of music.

Oxford class list

The following class list has been issued at Oxford University:

MUSIC

CLASS I: A. M. Burns, St Hilda's; Tan Peng-Seng, D. O. Norris-Kobie, Dalhousie; GS: P. J. Russell, New C.; Sarah Shurr, GS: P. Troyte, New C.; Betsy Uhl.

CLASS II: D. G. Allen, St Cath.; St Dunstan's C.: J. A. Dexter, Jesus, Guildford HS; D. C. Garnett, St Anne's, Bradford Girls' GS; L. Gilford, St Hilda's, Tonbridge Girls' GS; H. D. Glover, Lin. Ilwaish S.; D. J. Groves, BNC, Charterhouse; A. M. Grundy, Exet, Solihull S.; K. N. Robson, Wadh., St Georges S., W.; Hodgkins Univ. G. Stephenson Grant, HS, Killingworth; R. W. Jones, Queen's, Aberdare Boys' GS; J. N. M. Lawson, Keble.

University news

Oxford

Elections:

MERTON COLLEGE: J. W. Tarrant, BA Essex, MSc Bristol), research fellowship in industrial relations; A. R. H. Borrill, BA (MS, Surrey), economic adviser in the Treasury, Gulbenkian research fellowship.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE: J. M. Bourne, BA Leicester), a Fereday fellowship.

Belfast

Appointments:

C. K. Boyle, LLB (Belf.), to a senior lectureship in law.

Lecturers:

J. H. Hayes, BSc, MB, BCh, BAO, MD (Belf.), medicine; J. M. Kinsella, BA (Durham), Spanish.

Grants:

£37,000 from Action Cancer to the department of biochemistry for research under Dr R. T. Murphy on the metabolism of cytotoxic drugs in combination chemotherapy of cancer.

£30,607 over three years from the Medical Research Council to the department of biochemistry for research on structural and functional relationships of the glycoproteins of invasive virus, under Professor D. T. Elmore, Dr S. J. Martin and Dr N. L. Brunson.

£10,400 from the Science Research Council to the department of mechanical and industrial engineering over three years for research on study of the fundamentals of design of high pressure pump components, under Professor H. Crossland and Dr W. J. Skelton.

Bradford

The following honorary degrees will be awarded on July 4 and 5:

MA: Mrs D. Birdsall; G. J. Ritchie; Miss M. R. Goodlash.

DTech: Professor H. Tazieff.

MTech: D. J. R. Coup.

DSc: Sir Mortimer Wheeler; Professor I. Tomkins.

DLitt: Professor A. I. Brown.

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OBITUARY

DR WILFRID HUBBALL

A career in commerce

Dr Wilfrid Hubball, MC, who has died at the age of 80, was a man of diverse interests and activities. He trained as a research chemist in the Faculty of Technology in the University of Manchester, obtaining both an MSc and a PhD. Later he served on the College Court of Governors and as president of the MTOSA. However, it was in the field of publishing and printing that he was to make his mark.

After an initial period on the staff of the *Manchester Guardian* and with two publishing houses, Dr Hubball eventually formed his own company, Harlequin Press, publishing a range of technical journals, including the old-established *Textile Recorder*. With this journal his greatest achievement was undoubtedly the formation—in conjunction with the British textile machinery industry—of a company, now familiarly known as TREX, which organized a series of international textile machinery exhibitions in Manchester and Leicester and, subsequently, exhibits of British textile machinery in many European cities as well as in the United States and the USSR.

The sale of the Harlequin journals in 1955 enabled Dr Hubball to concentrate on the continued development of the Buxton Press, acquired before the war, of which he was chairman and managing director until shortly before his death. Today it occupies two factories in Buxton, printing in both litho and letterpress the journals of many leading publishers.

Serving on the Western Front in the First World War, he had a distinguished record. He was badly wounded and received an immediate award of the Military Cross for gallantry in the field. On the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, he was appointed an Assistant Controller in the Cotton Control (Ministry of Supply), setting up a department which ensured throughout the war supplies to the cotton trade of all essential commodities from chemicals to coal. He is survived by a widow, Dorothy, and two daughters.

SIR RICHARD CLARKE

G. W. writes:

The loss of Otto Clarke is a grievous one, likely to be felt personally over a wide circle, and in the outcome what might have been for years still ahead, the source of valuable contributions.

Your extremely interesting obituary brings out very clearly much of the great gifts with which he was endowed and the equivalent contribution which he made in a wide range of economic problems which it falls to the Government to deal with.

Your article does not however relate a side issue which is not without interest.

When Otto was on the *Financial News* before the war, one of the subjects which fell within his special responsibility was the iron and steel industry. Otto himself, like many of his contemporaries, impatient of the progress in social welfare which was being made under the lamentable Conservative administrations of those days, and—perhaps on account of his inevitable lack of practical experience of how difficult it is to get things done in large organizations—hoped that better progress might be made by other methods, and he was one of that small group of left-minded people largely centred round the XYZ Club and the New Fabian Research Bureau which produced ideas—not in the event always very practicable—for the reorganization of industry under state ownership of the "commanding heights" of the economy. The *Reorganisation of the Iron and Steel Industry* which was published by the Left Book Club and Victor Gollancz under the pseudonym Ingot, was in fact Otto's work.

CAPT EVELYN BROADWOOD

Captain Evelyn Broadwood, MC, a former chairman of the piano manufacturers John Broadwood and Sons Ltd, who have held the Royal Warrant since 1728, has died at the age of 86.

Educated at Wellington, he served in the First World War and was awarded the MC. He was a Senior Governor of the Old Vic and Sadler's Wells in 1938 and a past Master of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

He was a JP for Surrey in 1949 and High Sheriff in 1957. He also formed a charitable trust for the furtherance of keyboard music.

SIR ROBERT MATTHEW

Sir James Jones writes:

In the Department of the Environment we have been much distressed by Robert Matthew's death. To many of my generation he was the model of professional wisdom, common-sense and counsel. His outstanding contribution to both local and central government cannot be exaggerated. Those of us who knew him are all diminished by his loss.

DR JOHN AKAR

Dr John Akar, MBE, died in hospital in Kingston, Jamaica, on Monday. He was 48.

Dr Akar, who had lived in Jamaica for two years, was born in Sierra Leone and composed its national anthem. He was a former Sierra Leone Foreign Minister and Ambassador to the United Nations. He also served as his country's high commissioner in Jamaica and Canada.

He was founder and director of the Sierra Leone National Dance Company and was made MBE in 1966 for his contribution to the folk culture of that country.

M Louis Gabriel-Robinet, editor of *Le Figaro* for the 10 years up to 1974, and a director of the newspaper, has died at the age of 65.

He was a member of the French Institute and wrote a number of books, including a history of the press and a work on censorship.

Lady Ochterlony, widow of Sir Matthew Ochterlony, fourth baronet, died on June 24. She was Mary Alfreda, younger daughter of John Meiklejon, and she married Sir Matthew Ochterlony as his second wife in 1942. He died in 1946.

Science report

Sea pollution: Sheets of plastic sink to floor

An unexpected source of marine pollution has been brought to light by a Swedish fisherman trawling in the Skagarak, between Norway, Denmark and Sweden, who over the past few months have been hampered by large, brittle sheets of plastic in their nets. According to an organic chemist from Gothenburg University what the fishermen have been finding are some of the remains of the large amounts of wrapping commonly discarded from ships at sea.

Dr Arne Holmstrom analysed the material and found that it is a low density plastic of the type widely marketed as polythene. Although at first sight it may seem surprising that such a light material should find its way to the bottom of the sea, Dr Holmstrom provides a simple explanation of why it does not stay afloat.

He has found that organic material adhering to the surface of the films comprises two different marine organisms, a calcareous bryozoan, which exists at depths of up to 15 metres, and a brown alga, *Litholderma*, which lives only at depths of between 15 and 30 metres. Their presence defines three stages in the formation of the plastic debris, Dr Holmstrom says.

Writing in *Nature*, he suggests that polythene sheeting discarded at sea will float for a while on the surface. In the presence of sunlight and water polymers of this type typically become degraded and turn brittle. While that is happening, Dr Holmstrom says the second stage begins as the calcareous bryozoa colonize the sheets which then begin to sink slowly under the increased weight.

Eventually they reach a level about 15 metres down, known as the pycnocline, where the density of seawater increases rapidly, and for a while they cannot sink any further. At that deeper level *Litholderma* starts to grow on the sheets, further increasing the weight so that they continue to sink slowly towards the sea floor, anything between 180 and 400 metres below the surface.

Dr Holmstrom believes that the whole process takes anything up to eight months, because both the bryozoa and the algae are present on the sheets in amounts corresponding to growth times of three to four months.

If Dr Holmstrom is right about the source of this debris then there may be a strong case towards restrictions on the disposal of polythene at sea. Dr Holmstrom has said that fishermen from one fleet alone are finding up to 750 pieces of plastic every week, varying in size from 50cm to several metres across.

But anyone alarmed by the news that the seabed may soon become as polluted as its surface can take comfort in the notion that nature may be trying to redress the balance. Dr Holmstrom believes that large holes in the plastic sheets have been formed by herbivorous molluscs which feed on *Litholderma* and ingest the underlying plastics as well.

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Amplitude of English life

Henry IV
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Irving Wardle

Expectations of another instalment in the Alan Howard show are not met by this third production in Stratford's cycle of the Henry plays. Without twisting the piece off course it could hardly be otherwise. Central to the two adjacent histories, Hal occupies a much smaller role in *Henry IV, Part Two*. Until the king's death he hangs in a limbo of public rhetoric and private dejection. The fun has gone out of the game; and his rejection of Falstaff at the end amounts to his only character-defining action. Mr Howard projects frustration and inner turmoil into the part before his last-minute apotheosis as a gold-masked deity immeasurably translated from his former life. But for most of the evening one's mind is on other things.

In amplitude of life this is the richest play of the three, and certainly the hardest to reduce to any prearranged scheme. As such, it brings the best out of Terry Hands, whose *direction expresses a joy in the* sheer diversity of experience. He is not out to disclose any grand design, but to show all kinds of unconnected things happening simultaneously; and he shows his hand immediately by casting the Rumour Prologue for a chorus of hooded figures who then disperse into separate characters.

What most holds the production together is its sense of time. It is divided between past and future, looking back regretfully to the straight heroics and gaiety of Part One, and forward to the new age which will follow the king's death. Rightly, the East-cheap scenes are played as an elegiac echo. They start with Maureen Pryor's intensely-moving Mistress Quickly and Mikel Lambert's voluptuously diseased Doll, both treating Falstaff with undisguised adoration after their first shows of aggression. The scenes have tremendous gusto and realism: their measure, in fact, is that they accommodate Richard Moore's Marlovian Pistol without any strain, and build to a farcical explosion with Pistol slamming Falstaff's gouty foot in reprisal for being crowned with a chamber pot.

If the production belongs to anyone, it is Brewster Mason's Falstaff, the main figure for whom time is running out. The performance is entirely sympathetic, and amounts to a walking testimonial to his speech in praise of sack. He is magnanimous, seigneurial and valiant, brushing assailants aside like flies. And down in Gloucestershire with Sydney Bromley's Shallow, he is clearly relishing the immediate party more than planning to fleece his host. The fact that a collection of deaths heads like Trevor Peacock's doubled up Silence and Tim Wylton's hideously dilapidated Bardolph still manage to make a very good party, is another index of the production's balance between fun and mortality. It is Falstaff too who finishes the show: drifting to an upstage tree on Farrah's set and standing alone after the concluding *speech on birdsong, listening to* a croaking raven.

The political line runs in severe parallel. It builds with austere vigour to the end of the rebellion, concluded by Charles Dance's *brutally efficient Prince* John. But apart from Emrys James's king, going to his grave sweating with undisclosed secrets, there is not much individual stamp on the scenes. The *interest this time is more in* England than in its rulers.

Karl Böhm looks forward

Grinzing on the outskirts of Vienna has a mixed community. On summer evenings phalanxes of coaches wait to take the tourists back from the wine taverns; the Viennese who have been to their favourite Heuriger prefer taxis or the famous 38 tram, which must have spawned more jokes than the streetcar named desire. But Grinzing is the home of many of the city's actors and musicians as well as of the itinerant wine-bibbers.

Karl Böhm's apartment is tucked away from the Heuriger and its walls are solid enough to keep out the sound of the most raucous reveller. The balconies look out on to woods and vineyards, and a substantial portrait of Richard Strauss gazes down on the visitor. Böhm conducted the premiere of two Strauss operas, *Die schweigsame Frau*, and *Daphne*, the latter opera being dedicated to him. But under Strauss's eye the conversation first turned to Mozart and *Così fan tutte*. Böhm's superlative conducting of this opera recently in Vienna and previously at Salzburg has already been praised on this page; a recording based on the Salzburg performance is expected from Deutsche Grammophon in September.

"When I was a young man I struggled with *Così*. I remember arguing about it with Bruno Walter, who took a much more romantic view than I did. I said, no, this is a *dramma giocosa* and there must never be any sentimentality in it; the end is open, the characters can go in any direction when the curtain comes down. And I have not changed my mind over the years. However, I do now think that *Così* in the theatre must be played with cuts.

"In Dresden in 1939 we performed it almost complete and that was a mistake. The libretto is too small for a long opera. I recall shortly afterwards a performance in the Redoutensaal where the atmosphere and the production by Oscar Friiz Schuh were marvellous—it should have been filmed—but the acoustics were not very good. No, the first performances to give me real pleasure were the ones I conducted here in Vienna after the war with the young Seefried, Dermota and Schöffler.

"I'm going to do *Così* at the Scala next season, perhaps with Franco Zeffirrelli producing if he has finished his film on Jesus Christ. If not, there is the possibility that the Scala will borrow our Vienna production. I'm also looking forward to a new *Entführung* for the Paris Opéra with my son as Bassa Selim—that'll be the very first time that we'll have worked together."

And in between Böhm will complete his cycle of major Mozart operas on record with *Idomeneo* and *La clemenza di Tito* with Teresa Berganza.

Böhm hedges around some of his future commitments with the proviso "If I'm alive" and each time the phrase is accompanied with a chuckle suggesting immortality. At 81 he seems as happy with a full engagement book as a debutante with a completed dance card: "On Saturday there's *Così* at the Staatsoper on Monday we rehearse *Elektra* . . . Tuesday's the day of the performance . . . then I've got to prepare Brahms 3. Thursday's the concert rehearsal for the Mozart-Strauss programme with the Vienna Philharmonic. We played that in Tokyo and I used to end with the Perpetuum Mobile. I learned the Japanese for 'und so weiter': the audiences were amused and they used to rush up to the rostrum to shake my hand. Sometimes I wondered whether I would have any hands left."

Those hands, tiny and infinitely expressive, are constantly in movement, touching you on the wrist or on the elbow to emphasize a point, tapping on the table to express a beat. Some elder statesmen sit back and reminisce; Böhm is always waiting for the next question.

With whom did he study conducting? "No one. I have never had a single lesson, it was quite sufficient when I was young to watch Mahler or Schalk or Richter. One day a young musician went up to Richter and said 'How do you become a conductor?' Richter looked at him and said 'you go to the podium and it is at once perfectly clear whether you can conduct or you can't. The rest is pure experience'."

Much of Böhm's own experience came with the help of Bruno Walter, Alban Berg and, above all, Richard Strauss. "Strauss's attitude was very different according to whether the work was a new one or a revival. I remember when I was rehearsing *Elektra* one day Strauss was sitting in the stalls with my wife; about fifteen minutes from the end he grabbed her hand and wouldn't let go; when we finished she asked him what was wrong and he simply said 'Did I write that music? . . . I'd almost forgotten it'. But with a new opera he was always interfering. After one rehearsal of *Schweigsame Frau* he rushed up to me crying 'Böhmerl, Böhmerl, I can't hear the words'. I turned round and asked what he expected with scoring for four clarinets, four bassoons and full strings. But that night he did go off to the hotel and do some pruning."

London will hear Böhm conduct Strauss in the concert hall at least when the LSO play *Don Juan* on Sunday, his first visit here for 11 years and only his second appearance with a London orchestra outside Salzburg. But at last there is a Covent Garden appearance planned, *Tristan* in 1977 with Vickers and Nilsson. And there is on record a new Missa Solemnis, a work which Böhm describes as "Mein Heiligtum" (my sanctuary), which he thinks is his best record to date. Because it is the *letzgeboren*, the newest child? A chuckle and a half affirmative.

John Higgins

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

The Mangling of the Middle Classes
ATV

Michael Ratcliffe

There can be little doubt, as Mark Abrams remarked in *The Mangling of the Middle Classes*, that the larger part of the population—between 60 and 70 per cent in most estimates—has realized that it is perfectly possible to remain prosperous and happy without aspiring to a "higher" social rung, that the working class has "risen", in fact, by staying put. There can be little doubt, too, that the middle class, though surviving, is at bay.

Given its confusing continuance in 1975, Derek Hart's programme first asked, is distinction of class most clearly determined by money, job, education, place of residence, speech or birth? In a random street poll, citizens voted decisively for every factor except place of residence and (significantly) money, but the more scientific findings of the Harris Organization placed education *overwhelmingly first* and speech at the bottom. That a young bank clerk, content with his own comprehensive education, should now consider himself "middle class" because he had a profession, lived in a semi, and had no intention of sending his own children to the same school, was one of many indications that the traditional vertical impulses are still surging away.

It was an intelligent and fascinating programme, calmly linked by Robert Kee. Mr Hart stuck closely to his chosen representatives of middle-class *Angst*, most of whom were articulate and spoke with urgency of possible resistance if the siege by inflation and successively unsympathetic governments was not lifted soon. "A withdrawal of co-operation" by white-collar services—administration of VAT, PAYE etc—could devastate the country, but would it not merely aggravate the spirit of virulent greed deplored here by the young vicar of Oakington? There was a *faint feeling* that the middle class enjoyed a monopoly of thrift, enterprise, and national disinterestedness, but for a programme of this kind there were remarkably *few moments when one* could giggle complacently and look the other way.

The Saliva Milkshake
Soho Poly

Charles Lewsen

I found Howard Brenton's lunchtime play doubly troubling. *On one level I was disturbed* because I found, not for the first time, that the specifics of his situation did nor reach me with absolute clarity. Nevertheless the action came at me with clarity enough to trouble me in the way that Mr Brenton wishes, which is to challenge my propensity for political apathy.

His protagonist-narrator Martin is a young man who (*until his flat is invaded by* Joan, who, for reasons not specified, has shot the Home Secretary), has contrived to be all things political to all men. Thus Joan can command his *assistance in her escape and* disguise, so that he even salivates in sympathy with her passion for violence; thus too, faceless authority can persuade him to betray her—and, after *he has performed this task, let* him rot.

As played by Robert Walker's tight-lipped cast, the play is rather like Sapper rewritten by Kafka. Stuart Barren represents both the blind beggar who is accomplice to Joan, and a member of MI5 who has her killed. The doubling is not effected for mere reasons of theatrical economy; but while we do not know specifically why a high-up in the Secret Service should become a pawn in his own game, the device does illustrate Brenton's thesis that to be a citizen of London is, inescapably, *to be a citizen of Belfast*; or that one's medical research must unavoidably be exploited in germ warfare. The device also does crazy justice to an age in which a President of the United States can, to all appearances, not know what is being done by the CIA.

The notion that we are all part of each other is carried out by the designer, Sue Blane, whose drab interior set merges with a street *containing a vast* pop art Jaguar (evidently the ministerial car, since its number is HS 1). Dudley Sutton as a second MI5 official, Angela Chadfield as Joan, and Terry J. *McGinity as Martin* serve admirably as the other figures in Mr Brenton's nightmare.

NPO/Barenboim
Festival Hall

Alan Blyth

Those willing to spend an hour or so in the absorbing, leisured company of Bruckner always seem fewer than those who have to be with Wagner for as much or more time. Of course, as William Mann implied in his note for the fourth symphony *on Tuesday we should not find* too many likenesses between this comparatively early work and the composer Bruckner most admired, but they do have in common the searching unhurried *development of ideas*, a seemingly endless variation on certain basic themes.

Even so, on a hot evening the fifth and sixth symphonies can seem awfully long; not so the fourth, particularly with so much individuality brought to its episodes as by Barenboim on Tuesday. Although always aware of Bruckner's architectural requirements, he is not afraid to go for more daring extremes of speed and dynamics than some well known interpreters past and present. Every incident on the journey is significant to Barenboim and is given its due, sometimes undue, weight.

Take the moment when the Andante (whose quasi allegretto modification was virtually ignored) almost comes to a stop, out of breath. Barenboim let it disappear almost to nothingness, gradually recover in a new spasm of life before finally *fading away. The control* was masterly, even if it did draw attention to itself. The climaxes in the outer movements were given an almost ferocious bite. The Scherzo, sweet-toned Trio apart, was all rearing defiance.

Barenboim had the New Philharmonia, led as guest once again by Hugh Bean, an experienced Brucknerian, seated unusually but effectively. The *violas on his right, the cellos* in the middle, were all welling, drawn-out beauty as the composer asks. The sound in general, with horns and trumpets also exchanging places, was clear yet fully unified.

Room is left only to commend Alfred Brendel for his ruminative, rather romantic view of Mozart's C minor concerto, a reading in which Brendel's approach was almost speculative, managing to attempt new things while conforming in essentials to all—and how much—that the concerto has to say. His fellow pianist was sympathetic in response to so much discernment.

Lionel Rogg
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Thomas Walker

Solo recitals involving both organ and harpsichord are rare enough altogether, and rarer still are those which do not characterize the performer as either an organist assaulting the harpsichord or a harpsichordist besieging the organ. Lionel Rogg's concert on Tuesday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall *not only forestalled such* comparisons but also invited admiration for his ability to exploit the instruments' individuality as well as their common ground.

His opening survey in miniature of early music more or less for organ showed extreme variety of articulation and a well disciplined rhythmic freedom. If much that passed between the fourteenth-century *estampie* and the *passamezzo of Nikolaus Ammerbach* (1583) might have raised heavy historical eyebrows, every member of this attractive and varied group received considerate treatment within the chosen aesthetic. In turning to the harpsichord for the Elizabethan delights of Gibbons, Farnaby and Byrd, Rogg rightly yielded even more to the outlines of phrases, although leaving undisturbed the rhythmic flow when that suited.

After such subtle attention to character, his interpretation of a suite chosen from pieces in C major by Louis Couperin was, to me at least, something of a disappointment. The harmonic shape of the elusive "unmeasured" prelude did not always come clear, and nearly all the movements could have benefited from greater arrogance of gesture. There were, however, many poetic touches.

Rogg gives respectful but magisterial performances of several works from the Germanic baroque repertory, beginning with a brilliant echo fantasia. Sweelinck's decisive answer to the Venetians, and a set of variations with strong *Elizabethan connexions by the* same composer. A trio of pieces by Buxtehude caught as many moods, a fugue in C major, subject without end, showing the capricious Dane at his most whimsical.

English Taskin Players
Purcell Room

Keith Horner

The name of this chamber ensemble may be new, but the players, Peter Lloyd (flute), Neil Black (oboe), and Charles Tunnell (cello), are familiar enough faces on the concert platform. The group was formed to play chamber music of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and the programme on Tuesday was divided between works from the French Baroque and the music of CPE Bach. It was this latter composer whose more familiar and direct idiom emerged with the most success and clarity at the hands of these players.

The wide solo leaps in a D major oboe sonata reminded us that CPE Bach was a noted experimenter. He could write with an attractive lyrical line, too, as Charles Tunnell was eager to show us in the outer movements of a cello sonata in the same key.

But, in the French music, technical accomplishment alone did not suffice to bring this appealing music to life. A magnificent Suite by Leclair (*Deuxième Récréation de Musique*) was at its best only with the wide contrasts of mood of the Chaconne and vigorous "Tambourins". Elsewhere, pedestrian harpsichord continuo and a lack of imaginative ornamentation inhibited the true flow of the music.

The same went for a flute sonata by Michel Blavet whose sensuous third movement, an "Aria affetuoso", became monochrome through a shortage of expressive feeling, or *sensibilité*.

By diminishing the significance of the spirit of this idiomatic chamber music in favour of the letter (ie technique), the English Taskin Players deny themselves a vital part of its character. At its peak, their approach can be heard with the massed strings of the Berlin Philharmonic plus harpsichord steered by Karajan through the Pachelbel Canon or Albinoni Adagio, in Kreisler playing Tartini, or Glenn Gould playing Bach on the piano. Here technique is all, but few musicians can aspire to these heights.

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Court of Appeal

No lump sum on claim for periodical payments

Wilson v Wilson
Before Lord Justice Cairns, Lord Justice Scarman and Sir Gordon Willmer
[Judgments delivered June 18]

Where only periodical payments are claimed, and no amendment of the prayer has been made by leave of the court, a petitioner cannot obtain an order for a lump sum against the respondent.

The Court of Appeal so declared when allowing an appeal by Mr Robert Crompton Wilson, solicitor, of Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, from an order of Judge Gill, at Middlesbrough County Court, that a prayer for periodical payments in a petition by his wife, Mrs Dorothy Wilson, school teacher, of Birch Drive, Faceby, Cleveland, was sufficient to allow her to claim a lump sum under section 23 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973.

Section 23 provides: "(1) On granting a decree of divorce . . . or at any time thereafter . . . the court may make any one or more of the following orders. . . .—(a) an order that either party to the marriage shall make to the other periodical payments, for such term, as may be specified in the order; . . . (c) an order that either party to the marriage shall pay the other such lump sum or sums as may be so specified . . .".

Rule 68 of the Matrimonial Causes Rules provides: "(1) Any application by a petitioner or by a respondent who files an answer claiming relief, for — . . . (b) a financial provision order . . . shall be made in the petition or answer, as the case may be. (2) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (1), an application for ancillary relief which should have been made in the petition or answer may be made subsequently— (a) by leave of the court . . . or (b) where the parties are agreed upon the terms of the proposed order, without leave . . .".

Mr Terence Earnshaw for the husband; Mr Anton Lodge for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE CAIRNS said that the parties, who married in 1953, separated in 1972. There were five children, the eldest three living with the husband and the other two with the wife.

In February, 1973, the wife's solicitors wrote to the husband saying that they understood he would not resist the wife's petition for divorce. He replied that he would not, provided she did not deviate from the grounds for divorce which she had outlined to him.

Further correspondence ensued and the wife presented her petition, alleging unreasonable behaviour. She claimed relief by way of maintenance pending suit and periodical payments for herself and the two children. The husband did not defend, and on July 2, 1973, a decree nisi was pronounced. Later the wife made an application for a lump sum.

At the hearing there was some dispute whether the wife had had leave for the application under rule 68(2). Matters proceeded on the basis that no leave had been obtained.

The judge decided that the wife was entitled to a lump sum notwithstanding that there was no leave and the prayer did not include the claim. On the face of the rule it was difficult to see how such a decision could be reached.

The judge relied on *Doherty v Doherty* (*The Times*, March 20; [1975] 3 WLR 1), in which a wife who had asked for a property adjustment order was awarded instead a lump sum for which she had not asked.

It was to be noted that in that case the wife had also applied for maintenance. Maintenance included a lump sum. Lord Justice Buckley said that if leave were needed to amend the prayer it would be granted. Lord Justice Ormrod had said the same.

The present case differed from *Doherty* in more than one respect. It did not follow that if either a lump sum or property adjustment was claimed and an order for the relief not claimed was made, then on a claim for periodical payments a lump sum could be ordered. An application, however, could be made for both when the order made under one would affect the order under the the other.

Lord Justice Ormrod had been influenced by the fact that the husband in *Doherty* had not been lulled into a false sense of security. That was an important distinction; in the present case the husband had been lulled into a false sense of security.

The judge took the view that the present case was stronger than *Doherty* because there the relief claimed was property adjustment which fell under section 24 and the relief given was a "financial provision" under section 23, whereas in the present case the two forms of relief involved were both financial provisions within section 23.

In his Lordship's opinion the judge mistook the form of the matter for the substance. As no injustice would be caused to the wife by applying the rule according to its terms, the rule could not be disregarded.

LORD JUSTICE SCARMAN, concurring, said that Mr Lodge, in submitting that the judge's order was correct, relied strongly on the situation which would arise if the wife, while intending to claim a lump sum, failed to do so and then remarried. He said that by section 28(3) of the Act she would then be disentitled from claiming a lump sum.

The argument confused a fresh application with an amendment. In the present case, the wife applied for periodical payments. She now wanted a lump sum as well. If a case arose after remarriage where an amendment were required, the court under its general jurisdiction to amend a petition could amend the prayer accordingly. But it could not allow a fresh application after remarriage.

SIR GORDON WILLMER, also concurring, said that one of the purposes of pleading was to inform a party of the case that he was to meet.

On the basis of the petition the husband decided not to defend. The prayer was specific: it asked only for periodical payments. If it did not mean what it said, then it was a most misleading pleading. That alone distinguished the case from *Doherty*.

Solicitors: Mills, Best & Wilson, Huddersfield; Alex Lauriston & Son, Middlesbrough.

Inherent jurisdiction to dismiss for want of prosecution

Thorpe v Alexander Fork Lift Truck Ltd and Others
Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Ormrod
[Judgments delivered June 20]

The court can exercise its inherent jurisdiction to dismiss proceedings for want of prosecution even when no breach of the Rules of the Supreme Court has been committed by the party against whom the order to dismiss is sought.

The Court of Appeal so held as a matter of principle though they dismissed an interlocutory appeal by Provincial Plant Hire Company Ltd, of West Hallam, Derby, third defendants to an action by Mr William Trevor Thorpe, of Broxtowe, Nottingham, a legally aided plaintiff, against five defendants for damages for personal injuries suffered while working "on the lump" at a building site. The appeal was from Mr Justice Donaldson's reversal in chambers of the order of the Nottingham district registrar and his refusal to strike out Mr Thorpe's action as against Provincial for want of prosecution.

Mr Michael Turner, QC, and Mr William Crowther for Provincial; Mr O. B. Popplewell, QC, and Mr Paul Hughes for Mr Thorpe.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in April, 1971 Mr Thorpe, a "self-employed" worker on the "lump", broke an arm while working on a building site when the arm of a fork lift truck came down on it. He brought an action against the site contractors, Rinetane Builders Ltd, who employed the driver of the truck. That would seem to be a simple cause of action.

The writ against Rinetane was issued in April, 1973, and served on them on September 12, 1973. They put in a defence on November 16, saying that the truck was defective and that they had hired it from reputable hirers, Provincial.

Mr Thorpe's solicitors asked for further and better particulars. The answer, dated April, 1974, but not delivered until June, merely said that the truck was defective because the arm dropped without any act on the part of its driver.

If that was right Mr Thorpe would lose his action against Rinetane. His advisers in April, 1974, had issued "protective writs" against four more defendants, including Provincial, who were said to have hired the truck from the owners. They were issued just within three years of the accident. But the writ, with the statement of claim, was not served on Provincial until November—three and a half years after the accident and six months after the period under the Limitation Acts had expired.

Provincial asked for further time to deliver a defence; but having considered the position they took out a summons to dismiss the action as against them for want of prosecution.

The registrar granted the application; but Mr Justice Donaldson allowed an appeal by Mr Thorpe because he thought that actions could not be dismissed for want of prosecution unless the plaintiff had been in breach of some Rule of the Supreme Court.

His Lordship did not agree. A case could be dismissed for want of prosecution, as his Lordship and Lord Justice Salmon had said in the leading case of *Allen v Sir Alfred McAlpine & Sons Ltd.* ([1968] 2 QB 229, 245, 258), not only under the jurisdiction in the rules but also under the inherent jurisdiction of the court.

Provincial could certainly make out a prima facie case for asking for the action against them to be dismissed for want of prosecution. Mr Thorpe had waited to issue the writ until almost the last day of the three-year statutory period of limitation. In November Provincial were suddenly served with a writ and statement of claim in a matter of which they had not heard a word before from anyone on the other side—after three and a half years.

In *Sweeney v Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons Ltd.* ([1974] 1 WLR 200, 205) his Lordship had said that a plaintiff was not entitled to delay as of right for four years from the date of the accident—three years for issuing the writ and another year, under Order 6 rule 8, for service. He was not entitled to delay at all. It was his duty, once the writ was issued, to serve it and get on with it promptly. So unless the plaintiff's advisers could show that the delay had not been inordinate and inexcusable after the issue of the writ the court could consider the totality of the delay from beginning to end.

But on the facts the present case was difficult. It appeared from the correspondence that from September, 1972, Mr Thorpe's advisers had had as much information about the defective fork lift truck as they ever had and on that they could have sued the four defendants. Indeed, they could have been brought in in the first action against Rinetane. On the totality of delay it seemed a strong case for dismissal for want of prosecution.

The solicitors, however, had put before the court their position from the issue of the writ in April, 1974. They said that as soon as they got particulars of Rinetane's defence in June, 1974, they had instructed counsel; but there was then an unfortunate delay until October, because of the long vacation and so on; and they said that as soon as they got the papers back with the statement of claim they had served the four defendants.

Was that delay excusable? Though it was open to debate, it did seem that over those six months the solicitors did have some ground for saying that they should not be blamed for the delay and that if they had acted promptly and reasonably after issuing the writ that delay should not be attributed to the totality. His Lordship's views had fluctuated during the hearing; but in the end, though he disagreed with the judge on the point of principle, he thought that it was not a case for striking out against Provincial and would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, concurring, said that the judge had refused the application on the ground that the plaintiff and his advisers had not been guilty of non-compliance with any statutory provision or any Rule of the Supreme Court; and he had said: "What in my view you cannot do is to introduce a timetable by use of the inherent jurisdiction and thereby override a timetable provided by the rules". Earlier, in referring to the *Sweeney* decision, he had said: "It seems to me that in so far as the Court of Appeal has gone further than that it was unnecessary for their decision. If they did go on and meant it as it at first sight appears, then it is a most fundamental step".

With great respect to Mr Justice Donaldson, the step which the court took in *Sweeney's* case was undoubtedly that which the judge described. The court might have decided the case on a narrower ground—that there had been a failure to comply with the rules in that the statement of claim had not been timeously delivered. But rereading the judgments of the Master of the Rolls and of himself in *Sweeney* his Lordship thought it clear that that was not the court's intention and that the decision was based on much wider grounds.

Mr Popplewell by implication said that the court was wrong in so deciding because, he said, a plaintiff was entitled to make full use of the three years or whatever period was allowed by the Limitation Acts and also of the year which Order 6, rule 8 allowed between issue and service of the writ. No doubt a plaintiff might take advantage of those periods; but he could not in the same breath say that if he took advantage of all available periods for delay he could not in the eyes of the court be at the same time guilty of inordinate delay. His Lordship would not depart from what was said in *Sweeney's* case if the court had been relying on the fact that there had to be a breach of the rules it would have said so; but nothing in the judgments suggested that a failure to comply with those rules was a condition precedent to the ability of an aggrieved defendant to have the claim struck out.

But on the question whether the claim vis-à-vis Provincial should be struck out, his Lordship had some sympathy with legal advisers of a legally aided plaintiff in a claim which would not involve a large amount, faced with the necessity of bringing five defendants before the court; and it was also difficult for solicitors to get reliable information about what happened, for those who worked on large building sites were apt to scatter on or before completion of the task. It was a borderline case; and his Lordship would dismiss it, though not for the reasons given by the judge.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, concurring on the point of principle and the facts, said that he would not be prepared to accept that in all cases it was a sufficient explanation of delay to say that the papers were with counsel for such and such a time.

Solicitors: Eking, Manning, Morris & Foster, Nottingham; Harrison, Golds & Rushworth, Nottingham.

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Conteh's legal action must be tried first

Conteh v Onslow Fane and Another
Before Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Stephenson and Sir John Pennycuick

Mr John Conteh, the boxer, was granted an injunction to restrain the British Board of Boxing Control from holding a meeting to determine whether he had been guilty of misconduct in failing to carry out a contract to train for a fight with Alvaro Lopez (which was abandoned) entered into on his behalf by his manager, Mr George Francis.

The Court of Appeal allowed his appeal from the refusal of Mr Justice Walton to grant an injunction and held that the validity of the contract for the fight was in issue in a High Court action commenced by Mr Conteh against Mr Francis, Mr Harry Levene, fight promoter, and Mr Micky Duff, match-maker, and that the court should restrain the board from conducting what could amount to a prehearing of the same issue.

Mr Stanley Brodie, QC, and Mr Michael Beloff for Mr Conteh; Mr David Hirst, QC, Mr Neil Butter and Mr Philip Naughton for Mr J. Onslow Fane and Mr R. L. Clarke, sued on behalf of the board.

SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK said that in 1971 Mr Conteh and Mr Francis entered into a boxer-manager agreement in the standard form of the British Board of Boxing Control. Under the contract Mr Francis, as manager, undertook to secure for Mr Conteh the most advantageous terms for each fight and Mr Conteh undertook to keep himself in the fittest possible physical condition for fights arranged for him. The agreement was renewed in 1974 for a further period of three years.

On March 20, 1975, Mr Francis made an agreement with Mr Levene for Mr Conteh to fight at Wembley on May 20. Mr Conteh was dissatisfied with the financial terms arranged for him by Mr Francis and declined to go on with training for the fight, which had to be cancelled.

Mr Conteh contended that Mr Francis had committed a fundamental breach of the boxer-manager agreement in failing to arrange the most advantageous terms in the fight arranged for May 20 and in previous fights arranged with Mr Levene as promoter and that he was entitled to treat the contracts with both manager and promoter as having been repudiated. On April 18 Mr Conteh dismissed Mr Francis as his manager.

Both Mr Francis and Mr Levene made complaints to the board against Mr Conteh for failure to honour his contracts. The board wrote to Mr Conteh requiring him to appear before a committee on April 23 to explain his alleged misconduct. Mr Conteh requested the board to postpone the committee meeting to await the outcome of a High Court action against Mr Francis and Mr Levene for damages and for declarations that the fight agreement of March 20 was invalid.

When the board refused a postponement, Mr Conteh commenced an action against the board claiming a declaration that their refusal was unlawful as amounting to an ouster of the jurisdiction of the courts and an injunction to restrain them from holding the meeting until the determination by the court of the question of validity of the agreements. A motion for an interlocutory injunction was refused by Mr Justice Walton on May 9.

Mr Conteh, Mr Francis and Mr Levene were all members of an association constituted with the object of controlling and regulating professional boxing. They were bound by its rules, consisting of printed regulations which provided for various matters including the determination of complaints of misconduct against a member. But it was admitted for the board that Mr Conteh was entitled to prosecute his action in the courts against Mr Francis and Mr Levene. That admission was of great importance. Where the constitution of an association provided for the determination of complaints against its members by a domestic tribunal, the court would not save in exceptional circumstances restrain the hearing by the tribunal. But it was clear that the court had power to restrain the tribunal in special circumstances when the interests of justice so required.

It was not desirable to attempt an enumeration of what might represent special circumstances. Mr Hirst, for the board, had contended that the special circumstances were limited to an anticipated breach of the law or of natural justice. But his Lordship could see no reason to place such a limitation on the special circumstances that might warrant the intervention by the court. On the contrary, an obvious ground for restraining proceedings before a domestic tribunal was that there was pending in the High Court proceedings in which the same issue was raised. The court could not as a rule allow the prosecution of the same issue in concurrent proceedings: *Thames Launches Ltd v Trinity House Corporation* ([1961] Ch 197).

If the complaint against Mr Conteh had been for some alleged act of misconduct involving no issue between himself and other parties, the court could not have restrained the board from hearing the complaint under its regulations. But the very act of misconduct alleged was the breach of his contracts with Mr Francis and Mr Levene, and whether there had been such a breach dependent upon whether at the relevant date Mr Conteh was bound by the contracts. That was the very issue in the High Court action pending between Mr Conteh and Mr Francis and Mr Levene. The board had accepted that it could not restrain Mr Conteh from prosecuting that action.

Although the parties to the domestic proceedings were different from the parties to the High Court action; the two sets of proceedings turned upon a identical issue and if the domestic proceedings were allowed to continue there would be a duplication of proceedings. The board had recognized that its determination could only be provisional and would have to yield to the decision in the action. Given that state of affairs the court had a discretion to restrain the domestic proceedings.

It would be highly undesirable if the committee should conduct what would amount to a prior hearing of the issue pending the High Court action. That conclusion did not imply a reflection on the committee's impartiality or capacity but merely flowed from the fact that the action must be allowed to continue and its decision would prevail. The objection based on duplication of proceedings would not be met by treating the hearing before the committee as provisional, even if the committee had power to conduct a provisional hearing. The conclusion was that the court could and should exercise its judicial discretion by restraining the board from proceeding with the hearing before its committee.

His Lordship would allow the appeal and grant the injunction.

Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Buckley concurred.

Solicitors: Michael Sears & Co; Lovell, White & King.

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"We cannot see how the latest proposals accord with this pledge. Paragraph 11 of the White Paper, *The Regeneration of British Industry*, under the heading Planning Agreements reads: The Act which gives effect to the new system will also provide reserve powers to require the relevant companies to provide the Government and the workers in the firm with the information needed to formulate and monitor a planning agreement.

"There will however be no statutory requirement upon a company to conclude an agreement."

This the confederation said, was the only reference to the disclosure of information contained in the White Paper.

The Government had now altered circumstances in which disclosure might be compelled, but it remained incompatible with the White Paper statement that compulsory powers would be only within the context of voluntary planning agreements.

"Our basic objections to compulsory disclosure therefore remain, although the methods of compelling disclosure now suggested appear to show some improvement."

It remains to be seen how far the employers will continue to pursue the point of voluntary disclosure, but in private last night the view was being expressed that while the amendments on disclosure did not go as far as industry wanted and indeed expected after the Prime Minister's pledge, it was likely that they would take a lot of the sting from the disclosure process.

The very nature of the reserve power of compulsion implied a long process which the Secretary of State for Industry would be unlikely to embark upon lightly, it was pointed out.

There were isolated bright spots for industry in the amendments, such as the provision that nothing in the Bill should be construed as enabling the Industry Secretary to require information about details of know-how or any research or development programme.

But on the fundamental philosophy behind the provisions, there was little let-up in the bitterness which has characterized the industry's dialogue with the Government.

There was particular anger over the continued determination to allow the National Enterprise Board to buy into profitable private industry.

Giving a warning that the NEB *threatened to erode the* private sector, the CBI said: "For this reason we have opposed its powers to buy into profitable areas of manufacturing industry and have suggested an amendment requiring the NEB to dispose of shares 'as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so'. The Government has not met either of these points in today's amendments."

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Mr Benn tells unions 'my policy will go on'

By R. W. Shakespeare

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, speaking to some of the chief trade union leaders yesterday defended the policy he had pursued as Secretary of State for Industry and made it clear that he would continue to seek the support of the trade unions in his new office.

He told the annual conference of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions at Hastings: "As a movement we have constantly warned that the crisis which is now upon us was on its way. Our present industrial problems and inflation, derive from a long period of industrial decline, from lack of investment and a failure to apply the principles of industrial democracy".

Mr Benn who got a great ovation from his audience said: "It is now important that we should not be thrown into disarray, or into abandoning our policies. The trade union movement at all levels is well aware of its responsibilities.

"The unions are ready to accept those responsibilities and do not need lectures from those outside the movement, the Government and the party to tell them to accept them."

Mr Benn gave a warning that a deliberate campaign, with huge financial backing, was being mounted by those who sought to use the present crisis to achieve their own ends.

These were that workers alone should be asked to pay; that the pledge on full employment should be permanently abandoned; that there should be a permanent shift of resources to the private from the public sectors; and that the Labour Government should be destroyed from outside by seeking to thrust on it policies of this nature.

"These policies", he said, are designed to save a system which has manifestly failed to meet the needs of the British public and was designed in the first place for the people who run the system.

"This campaign is being financed on a large scale by big business; on a scale that far exceeds anything that has ever been seen in the history of public debate on economic policies. It is also being daily supported by the newspapers and the other mass media".

Rights issue total tops £700m so far this year

By Our Financial Staff

Yesterday's £22.57m rights issue by Bowater Corporation, the papermaking and commodities group, took the amount of money raised by rights so far this year above £700m.

Moreover, this week's two big issues—Bowaters and the £24m fund-raising operation by Metal Box on Tuesday—mean that the previous annual record of £684m raised by rights in 1972 has been passed this year.

Bowaters rights to ordinary shareholders of one for six shares held coupled with an offer of one ordinary share for every £66 of loan stock held, took the grand total for 1975 up to £719.2m.

The offer, for which underwriting was arranged by Rothschilds and London and Yorkshire Trust, was to maintain a proper balance between shareholders' funds and borrowings after a period of acquisitive and internal expansion, much of which has been financed by borrowing.

Ranks Hovis McDougall, the bakers and millers, were first to ask for rights money this year with a £15.8m issue in February, though Commercial Union, the composite insurance group, started the present rush with its £62m issue last September.

Since the CU issue, 90 companies have gone for equity fund raising operations and the total amount involved has been just over £794m. Of these companies 16 have asked for more than £20m.

DataSTREAM International has calculated that financial companies have asked for £286m, or just over a third of this money. These include six insurance companies who have together raised £222m and two banks, the Midland and Allied Irish, who raised nearly £64m between them.

Engineering companies are the second largest group after insurance. They have raised a total of nearly £111m; chemicals and pharmaceuticals have raised £64m; foods £63m; mining finance nearly £57m and building and contracting £32.6m.

There is every indication that the flow of rights issues will continue. The queue, which is closely regulated by the Government Broker, is believed to extend until well into the autumn—though much will now depend on the reaction of the stock market to domestic and international economic measures.

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New chairman for Exxon

Washington, June 25.—Mr Clifton Garvin, jun, 54, was named today as the new chairman and chief executive of the world's largest company, the Exxon Corporation.

Mr Garvin, president of Exxon, will replace Mr J. Jamieson, on August 1. When he retires at the age of 65 he will remain on the board.

A chemical engineer, Mr Garvin, joined Exxon in 1947,

Working party is set up to discuss supervision of insurance brokers

By Desmond Quigley

The four major organizations representing the insurance broking business yesterday set up a working party at the request of Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, to discuss the identification and supervision of insurance brokers in Britain.

The request came from Mr Shore last month and came after five years of mounting pressure for some form of regulation of insurance brokers and agents. The pressure reflects some spectacular insurance company collapses, many of whom used agents rather than brokers as a means of selling their policies.

The working party comprises officials of the Association of Insurance Brokers, the Corporation of Insurance Brokers, the Federation of Insurance Brokers and Lloyd's Insurance Brokers Association. It will be headed by Mr Francis Perkins, chairman of the Hogg Robinson Group.

A spokesman for the working party said last night that over the past five years, consumers had become confused trying to distinguish a qualified insurance broker from an agent.

The working party would aim to establish agreement on uniform standards and identification of brokers and would have talks with the Department of Trade. The implication is that there will ultimately be some form of control, although direct Government licensing is not favoured.

A possiblity is that the four organizations will set up a self-regulatory supra-body, perhaps with some form of legislative backing.

Lloyd's satisfactory: Mr Havelock Hudson, chairman of Lloyd's, the London insurance market, said at the annual meeting yesterday that Lloyd's may make a loss on the 1974 account. He also said that the 1972 profits were likely to be in line with the record £77.4m level achieved in the previous year.

Although the global figures for 1972 will not be available for about two months, Mr Hudson said "latest figures indicate that it will be another satisfactory year with profits at, or near, the 1971 account levels".

But he gave a warning: "There are already strong indications that 1973 will be a good deal less profitable than the previous two accounts. It is too early to make firm predictions, but it seems likely that the downturn in profits will continue at least for the 1974 account, which may well prove to be a loss year."

However, there were signs of an increasing volume of business flowing into London because of the difficulties encountered by insurance companies throughout the world, particularly in the United States.

Congressmen attack oil floor price plan

From Frank Vogl
Washington, June 25

A report issued by a congressional committee today fiercely attacked the concept of an internationally agreed floor price for oil, as proposed by Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State.

It said that "It is not in our best interests to have the United States Government seeking an agreement which the Congress has no intention of supporting."

The 17-nation International Energy Agency agreed in principle on March 20 to accept Dr Kissinger's oil floor price proposal, although many IEA member countries have since voiced misgivings.

Today's report by the joint economic committee of Congress concluded that the floor price scheme was "an undesirable way to achieve greater self-sufficiency and to bolster consumer solidarity."

It could well strengthen the opposition to the floor price idea within the IEA, so possibly leading to new arguments among the main oil-consuming nations which could delay the start of negotiations between oil producers and consumers.

Compiled by the committee's international economics subcommittee, the report maintains that a floor price is not needed to stimulate new energy investment in oil-consuming countries, as evidenced by the high increase in such investment in the past year.

Further, the committee says a floor price could lead to arguments among consumers if world prices fell slightly and could encourage Opec to maintain high prices.

The committee argues that a floor price could be inflationary, that it could lead to huge guaranteed profits for oil companies and that it could encourage uneconomical ventures.

Significantly, the committee maintains that the oil industry opposes the floor price concept because it fears that it would encourage additional controls, such as set ceiling prices and limits on profits.

The joint economic committee also doubts if it will be technically possible for all the members of the IEA to agree on a set floor price.

To make the United States less vulnerable to the impact of another sudden oil export embargo by oil producers the committee suggests that a more effective approach than a floor price would be a combination of stockpiling, accelerated energy output through assorted government incentives and import diversification.

Indonesia takes all income of state oil company

Jakarta, June 25.—Pertamina, the Indonesian state-owned oil company must transfer all its income to the state, the government announced in Parliament today.

Mr Widjoo Nitisastro, the minister of state for finance, industry and economy, said there had been a drop in the state's foreign exchange earnings because Partamina had not paid all its revenue from oil over to the government.

The state's revenue has dropped by $85 (about £370m) since last year, he added.—Kuwait takeover: British Petroleum and Gulf Oil have agreed to give up their 40 per cent share in the Kuwait Oil Co.

Details of compensation and technical cooperation still have to be worked out.

Long-dated 'tap' stock exhausted

By Tim Congdon

The long-dated "tap" stock, Treasury 12½ per cent 1993, was exhausted yesterday afternoon after a day of considerable activity in the gilt-edged market. The demand for the long-dated "tap" was extremely heavy and the Government broker was encouraged to raise the price in ¼ point steps, compared with the more usual upward movement of 1/16 or ⅛ point.

Interest in "longs" was spurred by Government moves to achieve an agreement on inflation by continuing rumours of public spending cuts. Most long-dated stocks were ¼ point higher. There was substantial switching from "shorts", where hopes of lower interest rates have for the time being evaporated.

The upsurge in demand has been sudden. Last week was one of the quietest in the gilt-edged market for many months and the burst of buying has taken some dealers by surprise. Estimates of the size of "tap" sales yesterday ranged up to £150m. A replacement is expected shortly.

Much of the current demand for gilts is based on expectations of a serious recession and an associated slowdown in inflation.

Sterling again at fresh low

The pound fell to a fresh all-time "low" on the foreign exchanges yesterday. Its "floating devaluation" against 10 other key currencies worsened to 26.8 per cent from 26.7 per cent on Tuesday night—the previous worst closing level. Against the dollar, the pound fell a further 20 points, to $2.2565, and it also sank to its lowest level ever against some continental currencies.

Selling, however, was not particularly heavy, dealers said.

Socialists urge debate on Carli successor

From John Earle
Rome, June 25

The Socialists, who support the Italian Christian Democrat-Republican coalition without being members of it, today suggested that the choice of a successor to Signor Guido Carli as Governor of the Bank of Italy should be debated by Parliament.

A party spokesman indicated that the Socialists favour Signor Carli's *own preference* to hand over to Signor Paolo Baffi, the present director-general. Otherwise, the spokesman said, there was the risk of creating a power vacuum which would only aggravate the situation.

In a meeting yesterday with Signor Aldo Moro, the Prime Minister, Signor Carli reluctantly agreed to stay on for the time being after nearly 15 years as governor. He has, however, made it clear he wishes to leave at the earliest opportunity.

Signor Carli, aged 61, has been identified with firm policies over the years to defend the lira and in practice, due to the inactivity and indecision of numerous Italian governments, he has acquired much more influence over the management of economic policy than is common to a central bank governor.

The text was released yesterday of a letter dated June 16 from Signor Carli to Signor Colombo, in which the governor recalled that he had spoken of his intention to resign at the Bank of Italy's annual meeting at the end of May. Now that the regional elections of June 15 were out of the way, he pressed for the handover of his powers to be effected, as uncertainty would only affect the credibility of the Bank of Italy at home and abroad, as well as give the mistaken impression that the country lacked men capable of succeeding him.

Signor Carli's intention was that he should hand over, at least temporarily, to Signor Paolo Baffi, 64-year-old director-general, who has made his career with the Bank of Italy.

The basic controversy is whether the central bank should continue to remain one of the few technically competent institutions in the country outside the realm of political party intrigue, or whether the Christian Democrats will succeed in placing one of their nominees *in charge of the bank.*

When Signor Carli earlier last autumn expressed his desire to resign, a political storm arose because the most favoured candidate as successor then was Professor Ferdinando Ventriglia, managing director of Banco di Roma.

Professor Ventriglia is economic adviser to the Christian Democrat leader, Signor Colombo. Banco di Roma was involved in an unsuccessful rescue attempt of the financier Signor Michele Sindona.

A few months ago Signor Carli's resignation would probably have had immediate repercussions on the stability of the lira. The governor has presumably decided to insist on his departure now as his monetary measures have helped to curb inflation and to right the balance of payments.

low victory for AUEW ace on wage claims

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gates representing a of the big unions t clear that while they prepared to accept the g of the motion they ot accept the AUEW's olicy of outright opposi- the social contract or ued discussions with the ment as clear from the debate that the AUEW can now expect only thin support for its own "hard line" policies.

The motion had been moved by Mr Harry Smith of the AUEW's technical and supervisory section in a speech which was largely a conventional left-wing attack on the "capitalist system". He made no direct reference to the social contract or to the talks between the TUC, the Government and the Confederation of British Industry.

It was Mr Roy Sanderson of the Electricians and Plumbers Union, whose delegation eventually voted against the motion, who interpreted the AUEW move as a direct attempt to win support for its own commitment to reject the social contract and any further involvement in discussions.

He warned the conference of its implications, and said that wage settlements were increasingly a contributory factor to the inflationary spiral. "Is there anyone in this conference who sincerely believes that if settlements continue at their present level this Labour Government is going to be able to tackle the problems in our society."

more advance factories marked for regions

ger Vielvoye
ain's stock of government ready-to-use advanced es is to be topped up. than £5.5m is to be d in building a further anced factory units cap- of providing 2,000 new

extensive building sche- has started. Last July, ssion for 93 new units was ced. Work on 47 of these begun and preparatory on the rest is well ced.
north England factories be built at Thornaby Ashington, Blyth, Hebburn (two), Derwenside (Consett or Tanfield Lea), and Hartlepool.

Locations in the north-west are Merseyside, Barrow-in-Furness, Blackpool, Altham (Hyndburn), Bacup or Haslingden. Hull and Rotherham have been selected as sites for new plants in the Yorkshire and Humberside region.

Locations for eight factories in Scotland will be announced shortly.

The units already announced for Wales are at Caerwent, Caernarvon, Milford Haven, Penyfan, Kenfig and Pyllheli (two).

Chrysler shutdown is averted

A complete shutdown of all Chrysler car production in Britain for the second time within a month has been narrowly averted by a decision by 360 workers on strike at a key components plant in the Midlands to call off the stoppage.

After a mass meeting yesterday at which the strikers accepted a proposal that their dispute over layoff pay should go to formal arbitration, they returned to work on the night shift at the Chrysler plastics' components factory in Coventry.

Some 2,000 car assembly workers had also to be laid off from the night shift at the American-owned company's nearby plant at Ryton, Coventry; the day shift will be working normally today.

The strikers had been demanding payment for days when they were laid off because of the recent strikt by 4,500 workers at Chrysler's central engines plant in Coventry.

Chrysler is also making a lump sum payment of £70 to all the strikers. Last night a company spokesman was at pains to make it clear that this should not be regarded as conceding the men's claim that they should be paid for the time they had been on strike since June 12. It was, he said, a payment to encourage "future cooperation".

Another car industry strike threat by British Leyland Triumph car workers in the Midlands, who served notice they will stop work on June 30 unless their pay claim is settled, could be lifted today. The company is understood to have improved its former offer of £6 a week pay increases by another 50p.

'Low export prices': Part of the recent £17.7m pre-tax loss by Chrysler UK may be the result of artificially low export prices, a trade union research organization claimed yesterday. The Labour Research Department ruled our higher wages and poor productivity as the cause of the company's problems, for there was little difference between Chrysler and other leading British manufacturers.

How the markets moved

FT index: 313.7 + 3.4
The Times index: 132.96 + 1.14

Rises

Ass Port Cement	7p to 141p	Fisons	4p to 384p
Avon Rubber	3p to 32p	GEC	4p to 122p
Beecham Grp	2p to 275p	Hawker Sidd	4p to 260p
Brit Am Tob	5p to 310p	Imp Cont Gas	18p to 363p
Berry Wiggins	12p to 86p	Kyle Ullmann	7p to 46p
Dorman Smith	8p to 116p	Tecalemit	3p to 30p
Dawson Int	2½p to 23½p	Unilever	4p to 372p

Falls

Barclays Bk	5p to 283p	Linfood Hldgs	10p to 160p
Boots	4p to 216p	Pressac Hldgs	1½p to 19p
BP	7p to 513p	Renold	5p to 148p
Bowater Corp	5p to 150p	Siebe Gorman	6p to 124p
British Land	2p to 38½p	Stocklake Hldgs	3p to 20p
Guinness Peat	7p to 141p	Spooner Ind	3p to 24p
Lloyds Bk	5p to 233p	Vavasseur	1p to 4½p

Equities were firmer.
Gilt-edged securities moved higher.
Sterling fell by 20 points to $2.2565. The "effective devaluation" rate was 26.8 per cent.
Gold rose by $2.00 to $164.00 an oz.
SDR-$ was 1.24335 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.547514.
Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,057.8 (1,053.0 on Tuesday). Copper was higher.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.75	1.70
Austria Sch	38.75	36.75
Belgium Fr	84.25	81.50
Canada $	2.35	2.30
Denmark Kr	12.60	12.20
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.20	8.90
Germany DM	5.40	5.20
Greece Dr	68.00	65.75
Hongkong $	11.40	11.00
Italy Lr	1445.00	1395.00
Japan Yn	690.00	665.00
Netherlands Gld	5.60	5.40
Norway Kr	11.30	10.95
Portugal Esc	55.75	53.75
S. Africa Rd	1.93	1.83
Spain Pes	128.00	123.00
Sweden Kr	9.05	8.75
Switzerland Fr	5.75	5.55
US $	2.30	2.25
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.50	35.75

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Business appointments

Mr J. Danny joins Eagle Star board

Mr John Danny, chairman of Grovewood Securities, has been appointed to the board of Eagle Star Insurance.

The following become directors of Samuel Montagu with effect from July 1: Mr Roy M. Dantzic, Mr Robert K. Ledsom, Mr Oliver H. Russell, Mr Arnold B. Shipp and Mr Mark A. Vaughan-Lee.

Mr R. J. Crankshaw has been made a non-executive director of Tozer Kemsley and Millbourn (Holdings).

Mr P. I. van Cruyningen is to succeed Mr P. M. Linton as managing director of OIL (Asia).

Mr Arthur Schmitt, a vice-president of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, has been appointed deputy comptroller. Mr Frank Alfieri becomes comptroller of ITT Europe.

Mr A. R. Collinson is now a director of Davy Ashmore International (Stockton division), in charge of projects.

Mr Alfred Lindstrom, operating head of the Parker Hannifin Corporation's European operations, has been elected a corporate vice-president.

Mr A. V. Howland has been made managing director of Electric Construction (Wolverhampton), a Hawker Siddeley company.

Mr A. W. S. Turner has joined the board of Sime Darby London.

Mr J. W. Wilkins and Mr E. W. Newton have been appointed additional directors of W. W. Balls and Sons.

Mr William J. Bowden has become vice-president finance, CPC Europe. Mr Peter M. Ware is now managing director of CPC (United Kingdom) and Mr Heinz Bunze is to be industrial operations director of CPC United Kingdom.

Mr Brian Turpin has retired as chairman and from the board of James A. Jobling. The new chairman is Mr Floyd Hankey, who continues as group managing director. Mr Stanley Waring, director of the manufacturing division, has been appointed deputy managing director and director of personnel. His successor is Mr Charles Dyer, formerly manufacturing and engineering manager, Europe, of Corning International. Mr David Swindells, managing director of the Consumer division of Jobling, is moving to the United States as director of market planning, Corning Glass Works. He is succeeded by Mr Pierre Chenu.

Mr J. K. Noakes, chairman of Blagden & Noakes (Holdings), has been appointed chairman of its partly-owned subsidiary Rheem Blagden.

Mr A. P. Ashford has retired from the board of The Border and Southern Stockholders Trust. Mr C. Alan McLintock and Mr W. J. R. Govett have become directors. It is intended that Mr McLintock will be made chairman on the retirement from the board of Mr C. W. Garnett after the next annual meeting.

Mr Martin Barber has been made managing director and Mr Ken Harwood, deputy managing director of The Kemps Group (Printers and Publishers).

Mr Robin Eve, a director of Midland Montagu Industrial Finance, has joined the board of J. E. Beale as a non-executive director.

Mr James Foulds has been appointed group managing director of Tinsley Wire Industries and its subsidiaries.

Mr Ronald Hooker has joined the board of Rubcroid.

Mr George Fodor is to join the main board of Bernar Holdings.

Mr Robin Mason has become company secretary of Halfords.

Mr P. H. Aldridge has been made manufacturing director of Thermalite.

Mr E. F. G. Felstead has joined the board of Estate Duties Investment Trust, with effect from July 1, on his retirement as manager.

ICI management to take firm line in rejecting 55pc pay demand

By Tim Jones

ICI's 18-man board is expected to take a firm line when it meets today to discuss the "massive rejection" of its 26 per cent pay offer by eight signatory unions acting on behalf of 57,000 manual workers.

Company negotiators are due to meet the union officials tomorrow, and it is thought unlikely that much headway will be made in meeting the 55 per cent demand made on behalf of the workers.

After the two sides failed to reach agreement earlier in the week, Mr John Miller, secretary of the ICI signatory unions' joint negotiating council, warned the company that they were almost "beyond the negotiating stage".

At the talks, the company said it could not improve its offer, moulded on the social contract, which would add £40m to the wages bill. The 26 per cent offer made last month would increase basic rates by some £10 a week, with £3 extra for some craft workers.

The company, which claims that some of the union demands would in fact amount to a 90 per cent pay rise, says the unions' claim, if conceded, would add £100m to the wage bill.

The unions have countered that their claim does not break social contract guidelines as it is based on an improved productivity performance.

For its part, the company has been equally adamant in rejecting the unions' claims. Mr James Bell, general manager of personnel, said: "It produces a claim of a size and nature which is totally out of court in relation to any business reality."

In a carefully documented rejection of the unions' claim Mr Bell continues: "I can only say with grim realism that were we simply to go along with your claim both the company's profit and its current capital investment programme—not to mention any future one because wage rises are a permanent cost—would disappear.

"I do not have to remind you that there is no scope in current United Kingdom or world trade circumstances for recovering sums such as these by price increases."

Distributors soothed by Leyland

By Clifford Webb

British Leyland have moved quickly to allay fears of cuts of up to 1,200 in the present total of 3,500 distributors and dealers. Industry reports have suggested that the newly integrated car company — the merged Austin-Morris, Rover-Triumph and Jaguar-Daimler concerns—will be better served by fewer and larger outlets operating on a multi-franchise basis.

Mr Keith Hopkins, sales director of British Leyland Cars, recently met the Austin-Morris joint chairmen's association and the Rover-Triumph distributors council. These two bodies constitute the inner cabinets of the dozens of associations representing sections of the network.

Yesterday in a letter to all 3,500, Mr Hopkins said that a working party was being formed with distributor-dealer bodies to try to amalgamate them into one all-embracing association. This would then play a key role in the establishment of a fully integrated sales organization."

Mr Hopkins said no precise details had yet been worked out.

'Nationalistic' export credits deplored

By Melvyn Westlake

Britain yesterday received a veiled rebuke for its "nationalistic" export credit policies from the former head of the government-run Export Credits Guarantee Department.

Speaking of the urgent need to control the "dangerous" international trade credit race, Mr Robert Fell, who left the ECGD at the end of last year, said: "We cannot expect any international moves if we continue to play a game of looking for international cooperation while developing increasingly nationalistic policies."

Mr Fell, who is now Chief Executive of the Stock Exchange was addressing a conference organized by the Royal Institute of International Affairs on "The International Credit War: Is it inexitable or can it be controlled?"

He said that such a formidable array of political, industrial, economic and regional development arguments were advanced in favour of export credits that they had generally carried the day against possible Treasury or Finance Ministry objections.

But now most countries had realized that export credit had reached a dangerous stage. The practice of giving cheap credit over several years, at subsidized rates of interest, had grown sharply in recent years.

Mr Fell said the buyer was able to play one country off against another and bring credit terms to the lowest possible point, to his advantage.

This growth and the possible misdirection of credit was why control was urgently needed. But it was also of concern that export credit was becoming a major arm of industrial policy. This might result in bringing a rigidity to industry.

Mr Fell said the main chance of international control must come through the Berne Union, which grouped the major government and private credit insurers.

Earlier, Mr Edmund Dell, the Paymaster-General, had told the conference that export credit subsidies cost the United Kingdom more than £130m in 1974-75. Some £3,000m of outstanding export credit was at rates of interest at, or only a little above, 5.5 per cent.

Cost gauge for homes up 12 pc

A further 12 per cent increase in the basic cost yardstick on which public housing subsidies are based was announced yesterday by Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction. It comes after increases last September of 70 per cent for fixed price and 60 per cent for variable price contracts. This clearly reflects the rapid increase in building costs.

Regional variations range from 6 per cent above the basic rate in the north west to 48½ per cent in inner London. Additionally a new allowance of £250 is introduced for dwellings for fewer than four people.

Post Office inquiry call

By Patricia Tisdall

A call for a widespread inquiry into and analysis of the Post Office's function and operation on a tripartite basis was made yesterday by Lord Peddie, chairman of the Post Office Users' National Council.

Giving evidence to the Parliamentary sub-committee on nationalized industries at the Houseof Commons, he urged a reappraisal involving Post Office management, unions and users.

A careful examination of savings on a long-term basis was necessary before any cuts in the service were made, he said.

"Changes must be thoroughly researched and must flow from a careful balancing of users' needs on the one hand and changing conditions on the other, and certainly not spring from a short-term policy to cut costs."

The Users' Council had already proposed consultations involving users, management and unions in connexion with the abolition of Saturday postal deliveries.

But although unions and management had separately agreed to these, circumstances had prevented their taking place. Nevertheless POUNC attached "considerable significance" to this suggestion.

Specific improvements suggested by Lord Peddie include a retitling of the two-tier postal system.

Call for UK tariffs on Portuguese shirts

Portuguese clothing manufacturers are attempting to gain a big share of the British men's outerwear market and the industry has reacted by demanding that the Government impose immediate controls on the cheap imports.

The Clothing Manufacturers' Federation, already seriously concerned at the level of imports of cheap shirts from Portugal, said yesterday that Britain was suffering more than its EEC partners.

It called on the Government to impose duties on these imports, which are provided for under the terms of 1972 quota arrangements between the EEC and Portugal. It wants a ceiling this year of 961 tonnes.

German deficit rises in first five months

The West German Federal Deficit rose to DM19,270m (about £361m) in the first five months of this year, from DM6,565m in the same period of 1974, the finance ministry said yesterday.

Expenditure climbed to DM62,508m from DM51,045m, with revenues easing slightly to DM43,420m from DM44,344m.

£8m Chrysler bond

Chrysler Canada, wholly-owned by Chrysler Corporation, said it has been told to post a $20m (about £8m) performance bond or other security with the Canadian Government. A Chrysler Canada spokesman said this follows a request by the company to the Government for time to make up a shortfall in truck production that is required under the terms of a truck production to sales ratio specified in the Canadian-United States car pact.

Chemical pay warning

Chemical industry employers were warned yesterday that the whole future of national negotiations hangs in the balance unless they make an improved offer to 70,000 workers when the two sides meet next week.

1974 census shows jobs rise

Manufacturing industries increased their employment by 41,000 in the year to June 1974, according to Census of Employment figures published yesterday by the Department of Employment.

Although less than the increase of 51,000 recorded in the year to June 1973, the employment gain appears to disprove the claim made by Mr Wedgwood Benn when Secretary of State for Industry that Britain has recently been subject to a process of "de-industrialization".

However, other forms of employment expanded as well as industry. In insurance, banking, finance and business services 57,000 more people were employed and 16,000 more in the distributive trades in June 1974 than a year earlier.

The sharpest drop was recorded by construction, where employment fell by 48,000 compared to a rise of 80,000 in the year to June, 1973.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Problems of imposing cash limits on public spending

From Mr V. H. Woodward

Sir, The suggestion by Peter Jay (June 19) that cash limits should be imposed on public expenditure programmes appears to be logical in view of the failure to limit excessive pay claims in the public sector and the acceleration in the growth of public spending in the last few years.

Public expenditure appears to have got out of control, and a major reason is that the monitoring system incorporated in the public expenditure white papers, whereby spending on each programme is projected at constant survey prices, is ineffective because it is difficult to relate planned expenditure in real terms to money outlays.

But controlling the real volume of public spending should be separated both from the narrow financial issue of budgetary control and from the impact of extra public spending on the rate of inflation. The imposition of cash limits on public spending could prove disastrous because of its effect on the level of employment in the economy as a whole. Apart from this it would have far-reaching adverse effects on the efficiency of public services which would be difficult to reverse.

The essential need to reduce the rate of growth of public expenditure in real terms should not lead to the adoption of extreme expedients. A crucial issue that has been overlooked in the last decade has been the absorption of employment by the public sector, excluding trading services.

During the last 10 years government employment increased by one million, compared with a growth in total employment of only 300,000. It is no exaggeration to say that with the kind of macro-economic policies pursued in the last decade there would have been high unemployment if the expansion of the government sector had not taken place.

Present government expenditure plans imply a rate of growth in government employment similar to that in the last decade; control over planned public spending should be exercised by restricting this growth of employment.

If expenditure proceeds on the basis of the White Paper the decline in employment in manufacturing, observed over the last decade, will continue because of the diversion of demand away from manufactured goods into government expenditure; this has consequences for the underlying growth of the economy and so, in the long run, for the amount available for spending on public services.

To impose cash limits on public spending would curtail the growth of real expenditure in an unplanned way. The result would be even worse than the unplanned growth of real expenditure in recent years since unemployment would rise to an unpredictable extent when the economy is already moving into recession.

There must be restriction in the growth of employment by the government but this should be planned to coincide approximately with the demand for labour by productive industry.

Yours sincerely,
V. H. WOODWARD,
Department of Applied Economics, Cambridge University,
June 20.

Judging council efficiency

From Mr E. Smith

Sir, In his speech to the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (reported by you today), Mr S. V. Collins, Chief Inspector of Audit, rightly draws attention to the potential saving from increased efficiency in local government.

The question arises, however, how the efficiency levels of particular services shall be judged. Obviously they should be measured against the best available services in other sectors and not merely in other local authorities. This is essential where similar and competitive services are offered by the private sector of industry or commerce.

In our experience, over many years, local government has failed to come to grips with the problem of comparing the cost of building with its own directly-employed labour with that of using the services of building firms under contract. The kind of independent audit inquiries mentioned by Mr Collins, when made into direct labour departments, seem invariably to point to the absence of adequate cost data. This is not surprising, since these inquiries are generally made into glaring losses.

Although a Manual of Principles was produced in 1969 to encourage better management and financial control of direct labour organizations it contained numerous loopholes. I am convinced that its recommendations are rarely observed in full. Nevertheless, local authorities continue to bring forward plans for expanding direct labour.

It is often argued that direct labour still accounts for only 12-15 per cent of public sector building. This ignores the concentration of direct labour into many important urban areas, where ratepayers, alarmed at the rapidly increasing demands on them, are unaware that the building industry is frequently denied the opportunity to use its resources to provide them with the most efficient building service.

Perhaps Mr Collins's initiative will awaken a response among some authorities.

My federation believes, however, that the sums involved in direct labour operations are so large that the Government will have to establish more effective and firmer rules for these departments. It will then have to insist that direct labour departments publish annual reports and accounts to ensure that the rules are observed.

Yours faithfully,
ERNEST SMITH,
President,
The National Federation of Building Trades Employers,
82 New Cavendish Street, W1.
June 12.

Coats board decision worries trustees

From Mr F. A. Beecham

Sir, I feel I must protest behalf of trustees ser thousands of private trust whom the Coats Patons bo decision to pass its divid comes as a very real embarr ment as their beneficia endeavour to cope with it tion.

In trust law, scrip, in t circumstances, is capital cannot be sold for the benefi income beneficiaries. Thus them a decision which the bo feels is good husbandry has effect of a "rights" is subscribed for from incom

The company's suggestion scrip may be sold for inc and the reported offer to col sales for shareholders o pounds a basic misconcept and since this will dep (indeed has depressed) share price and the proc cannot be allocated to incr it is not in the interests private trusts to approve scrip issue or the accounts do not provide for a dividend.

Much publicity has been g to the representations institutions to whom inc from this source is only a s fraction of their total or wl there is in the end little dist tion between capital and inco The further undertakings by Coats board may satisfy s (though it appears by no m all) of the institutions but nothing to help trust inco beneficiaries—of which the p lic trustee alone has over 1 —who may be forgiven interpreting them as an ad sion of error without amends.

F. A. BEECHAM,
Chief Investment Manager,
Public Trustee Office,
Kingsway, London WC2.

One more shoc on the road to destruction

From Mr C. B. Martindale

Sir, On December 23, 197 reported to you an increase the unit charge by the East M lands Electricity Board for rent for ordinary domestic pose of 41.6 per cent betw December 1973 and Decem 1974.

I now have to report to that the percentage increase tween June 1974 and June is 68 per cent as revealed by following figures on my acco

Quarter ending June 197 3,488 units cost £34.52 (0.9 pence per unit).

Quarter ending June 197 3,052 units cost £43.83 (1.4 pence per unit 68 per c increase).

I wonder whether you th this point worth mentioning your columns, or whether feel it is just another item our headlong and totally avoidable rush to destructio

Yours faithfully,
C. B. MARTINDALE,
Bradwell House,
Bradwell,
Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.
June 13.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION

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No. 001169 of 1975
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th June, 1975 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for (a) the sanctioning of a Scheme of Arrangement (hereinafter called "the Scheme"). (b) the confirmation of the reductions of the capital of those of the above-named Companies whose names are set out in column 1 of the Schedule hereto (hereinafter collectively called "the said Companies") from the amounts of share capital set out opposite their respective names in column 2 of the said Schedule to the amounts of share capital set out opposite their respective names in column 3 of the said Schedule and (c) an Order under Section 208(2) of the above-mentioned Act

(i) that the whole of the undertakings and all the property, assets, rights and powers of every description (other than as mentioned in the Scheme) of the Companies numbered from 1 to 9 (inclusive) and 14 to 19 (inclusive) in the said Schedule (hereinafter called "the Scheme Investment Companies") be transferred to and vest in Estates House Investment Trust Limited (hereinafter called "the New Trust") without further act or deed, that all the debts, liabilities and obligations of the Scheme Investment Companies (other than as aforesaid) be transferred to and become the debts, liabilities and obligations of the New Trust, that all proceedings (if any) pending by or against any of the Scheme Investment Companies be continued by or against the New Trust and for the allotment and issue without further application of the New Trust Stocks and the New Trust Shares as provided by the Scheme and for the dissolution of the Scheme Investment Companies as in the said Section provided and

(ii) that the whole of the undertakings and all the property, assets, rights and powers of every description (other than as mentioned in the Scheme) of the Companies numbered from 10 to 13 (inclusive) in the said Schedule (hereinafter called "the Scheme Dealing Companies") be transferred to and vest in Estates House Securities Limited (hereinafter called "the New Dealing Company") without further act or deed, that all the debts, liabilities and obligations of the Scheme Dealing Companies be transferred to and become the debts, liabilities and obligations of the New Dealing Company and that all proceedings (if any) pending by or against any of the Scheme Dealing Companies be continued by or against the New Dealing Company and for the dissolution of the Scheme Dealing Companies as in the said Section provided.

The Scheme provides (inter alia) that the amounts by which the respective capitals of the said Companies are proposed to be reduced are to be transferred to Capital Reserve in the respective books of the said Companies.

AND NOTICE is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr. Justice Templeman at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on Monday the 14th day of July, 1975. Any person interested in the assets or liabilities of any of the said Companies whether as a creditor or otherwise affected by the proposed reductions of capital or the proposed transfer of assets and liabilities desirous of being heard on the said Petition should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED the 20th day of June, 1975.

ALLEN & OVERY,
9 Cheapside
London E.C.2
Solicitors for the above-named Companies.

THE SCHEDULE before referred to

1. Name of Company	2. Existing Share Capital	3. Share Capital after Reduction of Capital
1. British Isles & General Investment Trust Limited	£1,500,001	£250,001
2. Cairnton Investment Trust Limited	£1,000,001	£350,001
3. First Re-Investment Trust Limited	£1,850,001	£389,001
4. Melbourne and General Investment Trust Limited	£2,036,001	£372,501
5. Nelson Financial Trust Limited	£1,150,001	£125,490.25
6. New World & General Investments Limited	£1,338.251	£1
7. Scottish, Overseas & Commonwealth Investment Trust Limited	£5,650,001	£4,354,345.50
8. Sterling & Overseas Investments Limited	£510,001	£1
9. United Kingdom & Overseas Investment Company Limited	£2,000,001	£518,749
10. Charterland & General Limited	£625,001	£23,982.25
11. Fanti Consolidated Investment Company Limited	£600,001	£43,001
12. The Investment and Property Trust Limited	£500,001	£1
13. Northern & Transatlantic Trust Limited	£100,001	£1
14. Colonial and Foreign Securities Corporation Limited	£1,000,001	£200,001
15. The General Securities Investment Trust Company, Limited	£350,001	£1
16. Morgan, Lyons & Co. Limited	£250,001	£1
17. Preferential Investment Trust Limited	£2,500,001	£750,001
18. Second Re-Investment Trust Limited	£500,001	£1
19. Trust of Trans-Canada Shares Limited	£100,001	£50,001

NOTICE OF ISSUE — ABRIDGED PARTICULARS

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the undermentioned Preference Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

Sunderland and South Shields Water Company

(Incorporated in England on 28th May, 1852, by the Sunderland and South Shields Waterworks Act, 1852.)

OFFER FOR SALE BY TENDER OF £3,000,000

9 per cent. Redeemable Preference Stock, 1980

(which will mature for redemption at par on 31st July, 1980)

Minimum Price of Issue £99 per £100 Stock

This Stock is an investment authorised by Section 1 of the Trustee Investments Act, 1961, and by paragraph 10 of Part II of the First Schedule thereto. Under that paragraph the required rate of dividend on the Ordinary Capital of the Company was 4 per cent. but, by the Trustee Investments (Water Companies) Order, 1973, such rate was reduced to 2·5 per cent. in relation to dividends paid during any year after 1972.

The Stock will be entitled to a dividend of 9 per cent per annum without deduction of tax. Under the Imputation tax system the associated tax credit, at the rate of advance corporation tax provided for in the Finance (2) Bill now published (35/65ths of the distribution), is equal to a rate of 4 11/13ths per cent. per annum.

A deposit of £10 per £100 nominal amount of Stock applied for must accompany each Tender, which must be sent to Barclays Bank (London and International) Limited, New Issue Department, P.O. Box 123, 2, London Wall Buildings, London, EC2P 2BU, in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Sunderland and South Shields Water Stock" so as to be received not later than 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 1st July, 1975, being "the time of the opening of the subscription lists", and before which no allotment will be made. The balance of the purchase money will be payable on or before 1st August, 1975.

STATUTORY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated by Special Act of Parliament in 1852. Under the Water Act, 1973, Regional Water Authorities (of which there are nine in England) became responsible for public water supply from 1st April, 1974, and the duties of existing statutory water undertakers to supply water were transferred to these Authorities. The Act requires the Authorities to discharge their water supply duties, within the limits of supply of statutory water companies, through these companies who are to operate under arrangements entered into with the relevant Authority. The Company's arrangements are contained in an agreement dated 13th March, 1974 with the Northumbrian Water Authority.

The Company now supplies water over an extensive and thickly populated area amounting to 138 square miles in the County of Durham, and the County of Tyne and Wear. The length of trunk and service Mains is about 1,500 miles with over 223,000 connections serving a population of nearly 600,000.

Copies of the Prospectus, on the terms of which alone Tenders will be considered, and Forms of Tender may be obtained from:—

Seymour, Pierce & Co.,
10, Old Jewry, London, EC2R 8EA

Barclays Bank Limited,
53, Fawcett Street, Sunderland SR1 1SD

and from the Company's principal office, 29, John Street, Sunderland, SR1 1JT.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Bowater makes the terms attractive

the relatively tightly terms from Metal Box day, Bowater yesterday that the market had at ne attractively priced ith which to celebrate that has seen its fund g activities move to a ord. That said, Bowater needed to make its attractive one—at least ort-term view. The cur- dividend looks like g static at the net level, its are almost certainly way down. It may well the pre-tax figure will act fall that far short ear's reported £59.5m, year's figure was, of struck after £7m of s on financial activities specified provisions lumber and building stocks. In short, one is talking of a profits his time round from a le figure of nearer

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r books ering

re-tax figure of £27.3m fine months to the new year-end. Plessey was, ng, slightly ahead of xpectations. But given nificance of year-end g at Plessey, attempt- xtrapolate any precise this occasion is not larly useful exercise. o say that the trouble the October-December emained the problem , the January-March with the bulk of any improvements coming rance, Germany and

ore important news at is that there are now s that order books are to firm up once more the cash position looks der firm control. The benefits of changing end are not being re- o far, while changing June to a March g period shows Ples- sh position in a less le light. Yet net debt by only £6.6m by end- nd the forecast is that ould be little material n the current year. er or not we are in for tional cutbacks in Post pending remains to be ut Plessey appears ly confident that the osition should improve ear goes on. At 67p es sell at just under six times the earnings for the latest 12 months, while an annualized dividend pushes the yield to over 9 per cent. The relative weakness seen so far this year —possibly reflecting American selling—should now be over.

Final: * 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization: £125m
Sales £319m (£289m)
Pre-tax profits: £27.3m (£27.6m)
Earnings per share 7.54p (8.01p)
Dividend gross 4.55 (‡)
**Year end changed*: *figures for nine months.*
†*Not comparable.*

Current bids

Jockeying for position

Contestants in two of the present crop of bid situations spent yesterday jockeying for position. Adwest, having simply extended its loan stock offer of 40p a share for Seafed Motor Construction earlier this week, has now decided to top up its offer with cash to 44p a share. It thus secures continued firm backing from the SMC board in preference to Myson, the other bidder whose offer of equity and a little cash now values SMC at 44½p with Myson's shares down to 66p.

Adwest's latest move may settle this matter. Myson's premium, which in any case depended on its share price, has now gone and, given that it is in the happy position of having bed-and-breakfasted 10 per cent of SMC some time ago, it may avoid continuing the auction and call it a day.

Meanwhile, SKF's bid for Sheffield Twist Drill, still worth 77½p compared with the 91p offered by Thorn Electrical, closes today. Both Thorn and SKF are apparently waiting to see what the other will do. Thorn has yet to send out an offer document; SKF has still to declare whether it wants to counter Thorn's very much higher offer. Shareholders in Sheffield Twist deserve something positive from both bidders now. It would be unfortunate if SKF simply extends today on the old terms. It should make a decision either to bid again or withdraw.

BPB Industries

Cutting out Canadian losses

Last year's performance by BPB Industries was at once better and worse than outside expectations. In the United Kingdom it was better; and if the 27 per cent improvement overall at home was largely attributable to the 53 per cent gain in the paper and packaging business, the gypsum side also held up well in the face of falling demand from the troubled building industry. Overseas, the story was different, with a performance which was boosted by a £1m initial contribution from the Netherland's paper and packaging business also marred by a £2.28m turnround into losses of £1.92m in Canada.

Here the principal problem has been the glass wool insulation plant in Vancouver, now closed down at an extraordinary cost of £1.54m below the line after making unquantified but very large trading losses. The inference is that there is a big element of loss elimination to boost the performance for the current year, so far into which, indeed, the Canadian company is trading profitably. The North American building industry, however, is beset by much the same problems as its British counterpart, and the "serious downturn" experienced by the Canadian gypsum business last year could prove to be but a prelude to worse difficulties this time.

At the same time the paper and packaging business generally is not going to be the prop which is was last time; indeed, the group ran into destocking problems at the end of last year and sees no end to them yet. So the "slight upturn" in United Kingdom demand for gypsum products noted so far into 1975, though likely to increase as recent house starts work towards completion, should be seen more as a defence against falling profits than as a pointer to another improvement this time.

Which said, BPB's dividend is well covered, and the year-end financial position was reasonably healthy. Notwithstanding the implications of interest charges increased from £2.26m to £3.36m, borrowings had been reduced by the balance sheet date, partly thanks to elimination of the Vancouver cash drain, and partly because very little of the £5.26m United Kingdom tax charge is payable. So there were certainly grounds for yesterday's 6p improvement in the shares to 94p, and the 9.2 per cent yield at that price should provide them with some support.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £32.2m
Sales £139m (£108m)
Pre-tax profits £11.6m (10.7m)
Earnings per share 15.1p (17.1p)
Dividend gross 8.68p (7.72p).

MK Electric

Over the worst?

After a traumatic year at MK Electric, signs now point to some recovery in earnings in the current half year if, as the group feels, it is moving out of the demand trough, aided by more realistic prices introduced both by MK and later by its major competitors.

After starting last year badly with interim pre-tax profits slumping from £1.3m to £579,000, the downward decline continued, leaving profits for the full period nearly £1.1m lower at £674,000. After the three-day week, there followed a period of unprecedented demand which MK as a major supplier believed it had to meet. Capacity was extended substantially but margins fell with the still historically high copper prices no help. And despite signs nationally that building activity was falling, orders from distributors were maintained at a high level until there was a sudden reversal when demand not only collapsed but there was a fair amount of returns to the company.

Last November, there was a 20 per cent cutback in capacity —a position which has since been maintained. Expecting another sudden and powerful resurgence in activity from distributors who have allowed their stocks to run down MK is keeping a high level of finished goods on its books which when cleared should go a long way towards easing the liquidity position.

Some encouragement can be gleaned from the decision to pay a final dividend after the interim omission, but at 35p the shares yield of 8.8 per cent and the p/e ratio is 13.2. That expects substantial recovery, and on balance the shares should be retained.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £4.2m
Sales £22.5m (£18.4m)
Pre-tax profits £11.6m (£10.7m)
Earnings per share 2.65p (7.16p)
Dividend gross 3.08p (6.6p)

US payments prospects hang in the balance

The United States is slowly returning to equilibrium in its balance of payments after a peak of massive deficits. But the haul back appears, so far, to be both uncertain and undramatic and views differ sharply on what point will be reached by the end of the year.

The factors in the months ahead that will most determine the trend are the pace of general American economic recovery, the policies of the Federal Reserve Board and their impact on interest rates, the price of oil and the decisions taken on foreign investment by the main oil producing countries.

The Administration, supported by many academic economists, takes the view that the second half of 1975 will see large real economic growth in the United States, coupled with a modest upswing in interest rates and a further decline in the pace of inflation. These developments will produce an atmosphere highly conducive to foreign investment in United States markets.

The supporters of this view maintain that the swing in capital flows to America will more than offset a possible deterioration in the trade balance, so producing a small surplus or equilibrium situation in the balance of payments for 1975 as a whole.

In sharp contrast, many foreign exchange dealers and bankers take the line that the pace of recovery of the economy will be sluggish, prompting easier money policies, holding down interest rates and giving rise to fears of a fresh acceleration in inflation.

Such developments would make foreign investors wary of placing too much cash in the United States and hence the volume of capital inflows could be modest and a large payments deficit could result.

The United States has managed to make appreciable gains in trade because of the devaluation of the dollar. The trade weighted average decline of the currency against most other important currencies has been some 18 per cent in the past five years and far more in terms of the Deutsche mark, yen and Swiss franc. The Americans would, indeed, have had a healthy trade surplus in 1974 had it not been for the great rise in its oil import costs, which ended in a total trade deficit of $5,800m.

A series of special factors reduced oil import levels in the first quarter of this year, and these, coupled with the general recession, resulted in a trade surplus of $1,300m for the period. But the rest of 1975 will see a radically different trade picture. Oil imports are likely to grow, as the economy revives, while consumer goods, which account for much of total American imports, are likely to rise, as the domestic economy improves, much more sharply than sales abroad of American capital goods, which account for most of the United States industrial exports.

The ability of American companies to export may be hindered in coming months by both the possible sluggish pace of economic growth that is likely in many foreign countries and the possible strengthening of the dollar. The latter could be caused by America continuing to hold inflation below levels widely evident abroad.

Considerations such as these have led economists at the Chase Manhattan Bank to forecast a $3,000m trade deficit for 1975 and similar forecasts are being made by experts both within and outside the government. But set against this is the prospect of a large swing in the trend of capital flows, encouraged by general economic factors and the now evident strengthening of United States securities markets.

The swing would have to be formidable, and reaching an overall surplus position in payments would be spectacular against the background of deficits, on an official transactions basis, of $8,324m in 1974 and $2,805m in the first three months of this year.

But recent trends do suggest to some extent that very sharp changes in capital flow movements are now taking place. In the final quarter of last year, for example, foreign investors made net sales of more than $700m of United States securities, but in the first three months of this year they made net purchases of more than $600m.

The future course of capital flows, however, will depend to no small extent on the strength of the dollar and on United States interest rates. The recent Mayaguez ship confrontation with Cambodia saw short-lived, but sudden, drops in the value of the dollar, illustrating the view of many foreign exchange experts that foreign investors still consider the United States currency to be highly vulnerable to sudden pressures and hence not the best of currencies to hold.

The Fed's decision last month to cut its discount rate, followed by further prime rate cuts, has suggested to many that the Fed is keen to keep short-term rates in the United States at about present levels. The low American rates, compared to some rates abroad, have already had the effect of seeing recent currency shifts from Britain go to continental Europe rather than to the United States, and this trend could continue.

While foreign investors, including oil producers, do appear to be moving money back to America, they also continue to be cautious, owing to such uncertainties as the impact on the capital markers of heavy treasury borrowing in the coming months, the impact on big American companies of all the present investigations into bribery and corruption, and the deep confusion over future United States foreign policy after the demise of South Vietnam.

Thus the present situation suggests that the trade balance will deteriorate in the months ahead, while the significant real economic growth and low inflation in the second half of 1975, which is by no means certain, together with the swings in capital flows to the United States, may not be sufficient to avoid another deficit in the balance of payments this year. But the 1975 deficit should be much less than the one experienced last year.

Frank Vogl

Brussels gives the hauliers a lift

With EEC membership now assured British road transport companies are expected to play a key role in the "liberalization" of their regulation-choked continental counterparts. They already appear to have the tacit support of the EEC Commission, which has just completely re-thought the Community's transport policy.

The Freight Transport Association has described the Commission's new approach as "little short of a revolution in European thinking". An association spokesman said: "It is vastly encouraging to those who feared that Brussels was synonymous with bureaucracy and regulation."

True, it is a long step from the publication of a Commission document to actual practice: Brussels thrives on paper. On the other hand, the association points out, the first essential step has been taken and it must be encouraging to those who have always argued that the way to influence Community policies is to get inside and persuade.

Regulations controlling British road transport are confined almost entirely to vehicle safety. Continental hauliers, on the other hand, are tied down by a complicated maze of operating licences, quota restrictions and price controls; and since January 1 they have also been subject to a 450 kilometres (281 miles) per day maximum for drivers.

British transport experts have a ready answer to European fears that removing these restrictions will open the door to such cut-throat competition that standards will decline and many firms will be driven out of business.

They recall that road haulage in Britain was in a similar position before the Transport Act of 1968 swept away all restrictions, except those related to safety and vehicle maintenance. Similar fears expressed before the Act became effective have proved groundless and British transport operators are now the envy of their continental colleagues.

But there will still be tough opposition, particularly from West Germany, where the most rigidly administered controls in Europe seem designed to protect established hauliers against internal and external competition.

Britain's strongest ally will be the Dutch, who hold a remarkable 40 per cent of the EEC's inter-state road transport business. Relations between German and Dutch hauliers are already strained. The Germans accuse the Dutch of ignoring any regulation which prevents them from winning business in the first place, and then making the maximum profit.

A German delegate attending an international road transport conference at Eastbourne last week said: "The Dutch were the pirates of the seas. Now they have turned their attention to the roads of Europe."

The Dutch counter by claiming that their truck drivers are victimized by the German police, who, they say, seem determined to drive them off the roads of the Federal Republic.

Yet it was a German who made the most widely applauded speech at the Eastbourne conference (organized by Mercedes-Benz). While many German delegates shook their heads in disagreement, Dr Gerd Aberle, Professor of Economics at Justus Liebig University, Giessen, declared: "It is true that on the one hand the solution of the problems concerned with the EEC transport policy is complicated by the extension of the Market through the entry of Great Britain, Denmark and Ireland. On the other hand, these countries, with their traffic and transport systems, strengthen the trend towards a competitive element in road transport aimed at promoting efficiency."

Britain has been granted a one-year postponement of the EEC Drivers' Hours Regulations (543/89) which came into force in the original Six on January 1. The introduction of a 450 kilometre restriction, combined with an eight-hour day and longer rest periods, has already led to demonstrations in The Netherlands and Germany and there is a growing conviction that the 450 kilometre maximum may be amended by Brussels before it comes into effect here.

The Freight Transport Association is already campaigning for this in Brussels and is being supported by sister organizations throughout the EEC. The association has calculated that this one set of regulations alone could increase road transport costs by another £300m a year.

Clifford Webb

Professor Johnson does it with a kiss

When Professor Harry Johnson speaks, sensible men listen. When the driving force behind the idea for Britain, of an "Atlantic alternative" to the EEC says that he is pleased by the result of the referendum, and when he goes on to restate "in terms of fundamental principle" the concept of European economic integration which Britain-in-Europe should support, then, too, intelligent ears will be pricked.

Professor Johnson's enthusiasm for the referendum result, as expressed to the Foreign Affairs Club in London on Monday, rests on his belief that the nature of both the "in" and "out" options for Britain have changed since he 1960s. Then he believed, as some other economic liberals still believe, that the essential choice was between a world economic order based on free, multilateral and non-discriminatory exchange and a jungle of regional economic blocks each seeking to promote its own identity and its own narrowly conceived producer-interests by protectionist, autarkic and bureaucratic policies.

By the mid-seventies the nature of the choice had changed in two ways, according to Professor Johnson. The "out" option had "increasingly appeared to be an isolationist economic policy based on the false belief that Britain could solve her economic problems by self-interested ad hoc devices directed, in large part, at rectifying the alleged evils of capitalism defined as remembered from the 1930s".

It is indeed hard adequately to paraphrase his scorn for those who have advocated temporary tariff protection in "sublime ignorance of the fact that any argument for a tariff on balance-of-payments grounds is irrelevant to a country with a floating exchange rate . . . (no one in Cambridge reads Keynes any more) . . . the fact that no competent trade theorist would advocate a tariff as a means of stimulating export production . . . the fact, as any competent student of international relations would know, that Britain's ability to use the tariff to overcome domestic difficulties is tightly restrained by binding international treaty commitments under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt)".

Secondly, the "in" option had changed so that the basic political and economic purpose of European economic integration, as conceived in the fifties and sixties, "has been rendered totally anachronistic". Therefore, different and less illiberal directions can, indeed already are replacing them. Professor Johnson's argument here will shock many devout "Europeans" and may even strike liberally minded anti-marketeers as thinly disguised hostility to everything that gives the EEC practical reality or even concrete aspiration.

Politically, he says "great-power politics of the traditional European kind has lost its point and its appeal to the generality of Europeans . . . the United States and the Soviet Union have fairly rapidly reached a *de facto détente, one in which a European* third member of the party would be as welcome as a third wheel on a racing tandem bicycle".

Economically, Professor Johnson seems to go even further in the direction of throttling the baby while honouring the bath water. "The initial conception of European integration, too", he says, "has become an anchronism". The concept, he declares, "is, on closer inspection, allied with the idea of war as the ultimate purpose of the state and of politics as the creation, control and command of disciplined troops temporarily employed in peaceful economic pursuits".

No better definition of the economics of self-sufficiency could be given, whether that autarky expresses itself in agricultural protection, centralized industrial policies, preoccupation with the national origins of technological innovation or hostility to foreign or internationally-owned enterprises. But, according to Professor Johnson, these strains in the lifeblood of the EEC have grown weaker with the "gradual pacification of international politics".

"Attention has been gradually focusing and acting", he argues, "on the distinction between the economically useful, and the politically and militarily impressive, varieties of integration and 'harmonization'". Moreover, postwar developments have "made the common external tariff and internal free trade of a customs union itself less powerful

Nevertheless, Professor Johnson still thinks that European economic integration is a useful or potentially useful endeavour, provided that the purposes and the forms are liberal. To this end he thinks Britain-in-Europe should apply its influence.

Politically this means, according to Professor Johnson, rejecting "the twin temptations to indulge, on the one hand, in grandiose rhetoric masking an empty reality of existence and to snarch irresponsibly, on the other, at small selfish advantages inconsistent with the maintenance of orderly conditions in

Peter Jay
Economics Editor

the international economic and security system". Instead, he sees the EEC countries acting as "a community of nation states . . . which can be conceived in a sense as an 'upper house' of Parliament and can speak with the authority of a reasoned consensus of views", which will carry weight because of Europe's historic "seniority" in world affairs.

Economically, Britain's influence would be used against "attempts to construct the new Europe on the basis of a continuation and strengthening of the initial conception", which is now seen to be wrong as well as anachronistic. This means rejecting "political union" and economic integration as a half-way house towards it, rejecting harmonization "of the outward appearances of economic activities" and rejecting "the economic concept of the customs union". The end of the Bretton Woods order and the spread of floating exchange rates have destroyed any vestigial advantage that pooled protection of industries in the European region might ever have conferred.

It also means resisting "any serious European effort to restore an inflexible fixed-exchange rate system . . . (as) a deliberate and perverse choice to recreate all the monetary obstacles to and difficulties with European economic integration that plagued the endeavour from roughly the middle 1960s onward". Britain should further press for "continuing progress towards ever freer world trading relationships".

In particular, this would entail opposition to international commodity agreements and other trade-distorting devices which are supposed to help the world's poor and which actually help the governments and the rich in poor countries. Professor Johnson also believes that world free trade in agricultural products would be the best policy for Britain and the EEC.

He may see all of this as a constructive role for Britain in Europe. Many others will see it as the only possible course for economic liberals to recommend. But there surely can be few believers in "Europe" who could regard Professor Johnson's programme as anything but the euthanasia of their ideal, since the first step towards European "union" is supposed to be economic integration, a process which can confer identity upon the new embryo state only in so-far as its emphasizes differentiation between the chosen and the rest. As Sir Frank Lee at the Treasury used to remark "globalonia"—or world-wide economic liberalism—is the opposite of the customs union as a staging post to nationhood.

Business Diary: One man's meat • Air martial

r John Norris, director of the Agricultural Research Council's stations, said ook the chair at a Lonference yesterday: "I en accused of some kind ralty to the meat indus-

onference, organized by agazine, was about the oya and other vegetable and Norris heads the tesearch Institute, fin- by the Government utchers thought his pre- ave unjustified respecta- a product they deride inferior and despicable te for meat.

s countered by saying tchers were in the enter- it business rather than ensuring that the public ugh protein. "Today the ife does not *need* by buy n any sense. She buys or one very good and reason: she likes it",

lismissed the fear held mers and meat traders ocessors might produce product capable of being ed as a joint of prime And he saw the future of vegetable protein in as and other processed rictly as a cheap addi- make the "meat" con- leaper.

t processors and students d world economics both he British Government to the use of soya protein nufactured meat dishes, g as its *presence* is indicated on the label. sors see it as the salva- of the British sausage, is gradually losing its onal marketing advantage apness because of rising rices.

Friends of the poorer nations say that rearing livestock for slaughter is a selfish form of turning a lot of cereal protein into a little meat protein. The ratio for beef is eight to one.

Dogged fighters

The Society of British Aerospace Companies was lucky to have as president during the past 12 months—at a time when nationalization threatened—a tough, outspoken campaigner like Sir Harry Broadhurst, deputy managing director of Hawker Siddeley Aviation. He left office yesterday to be succeeded for 1975-76 by another former air marshal, Sir Edouard Grundy, chairman of Short Brothers and Harland, whom the opponents of the aircraft industry will find just as gritty.

At the same time yesterday the SBAC earmarked as their 1976-77 leader a man of a different generation in Michael Cobham, chairman of Flight Refuelling and son of the late Sir Alan Cobham who pioneered flight refuelling and long-distance air routes.

Sir Edouard Grundy, an electronics specialist, comes in at a time of great uncertainty for British aerospace, for although the Bill to nationalize the industry has started its passage through Parliament there is unlikely to be time to complete it in this session. Speculation is gaining ground in aerospace boardrooms that by the time it comes up again government enthusiasm for owning the sector will have largely evaporated against a background of a worsening economic climate and the need to find up to £300m to compensate the taken over firms.

SBAC's Sir Edouard Grundy.

TWA departure

When a company runs into financial difficulties it is common for executive heads to roll. All the same, the sudden resignation of Forwood Wiser as president of Trans World Airlines (loss for the first five months of this year: $88.6m) has shaken the American airline industry.

Wiser is thought of as a tough, efficient airline man, and at 53 was widely seen as the successor to Charles Tillinghast, due to retire as TWA chairman when he turns 65 next year.

Wiser earned $196,000 (about £82,000) at TWA last year, so it could hardly have been money that prompted his departure. But it seems as if the company's directors have become increasingly worried about appointing Wiser as the next chairman as TWA's financial troubles have deepened.

Wiser, it is said, was getting the blame for the trouble because he and Tillinghast could not agree on how to save the ailing airline. In the end, Wiser seems to have realized that he was not in line for the top job, in which case he was determined not to stay to be made the scapegoat for the company's managerial difficulties.

Tillinghast has temporarily taken over many of Wiser's responsibilities.

On the shelf

Japan's shipbuilding industry, already reeling from the collapse in demand for large oil tankers, is having to take a further knock. Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries (IHI), a pioneer in the construction of ever larger tankers, including a pair built for the London-based shipping magnate Ravi Tikkoo, looks set to catch a chill from the delivery of the world's largest ship, the 484,377 tons deadweight tanker Nissei Maru.

This particular leviathan was ordered three and a half years ago at a cost then of 20,000 million yen (£30m at today's exchange rates) to be owned by a company IHI formed with Tokyo Tankers (capital 4,000 million yen) and chartered by Tokyo Tankers to transport crude oil from the Persian Gulf to Japan.

But since those halcyon days the tanker market has soured and cancellations on a massive scale are now the order of the day. Nissei Maru, which should have been the flagship of the Japanese merchant fleet, is destined to sail from the building yard into a lay-up berth at Kure, western Japan—a symbolic and expensive reminder of times past.

Petrol slip-up

British Petroleum's Danish subsidiary is now smoothing the ruffled feelings of motorists after it was discovered that BP was selling 97 octane grade petrol as 99 octane.

The company says that when the petrol arrived from a British refinery on April 28 it was certified as being octane 99.3. The first complaints were made a few days later and sales on the shipment stopped on June 3 after a control analysis had shown the petrol was wrongly graded.

The general public did not learn of the mistake until June 20, nearly three weeks later, when a Copenhagen newspaper, *Ekstra Blabet*, sadly declared that BP had slipped up

After some hours of total silence the company admitted the error and has now offered to pay full compensation for any damage which may have been caused by the wrongly-graded petrol. It has also offered to pay back the price difference.

Denmark's new consumer ombudsman has announced he would also like to receive an explanation. At the same time the incident seems to show that few motorists are able to notice any difference between 97 and 99 grade petrol in cars, since BP claims it only received a few complaints.

INTERIM STATEMENT

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Interim Revenue Statement

The Board of Directors have pleasure in announcing the unaudited Revenue figures of the Company for the six months ended 31st May 1975.

	Six months to 31.5.75	Six months to 31.5.74	Year ended 30.11.74
	£	£	£
GROSS REVENUE	1,519,535	1,635,231	3,379,776
Less: Administration and Interest	391,649	568,778	1,032,860
	1,127,886	1,066,453	2,346,916
Less: Taxation	396,991	349,730	792,052
	730,895	716,723	1,554,864
Unappropriated revenue b/fwd	790,295	576,127	576,127
AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	1,521,190	1,292,850	2,130,991
Less: Preference dividend	38,062	36,750	76,125
AVAILABLE FOR ORDINARY DIVIDEND	£1,483,128	£1,256,100	£2,054,866
EARNINGS PER SHARE	1.86p	1.82p	3.97p
ORDINARY DIVIDENDS			
Interim 5.0% (1974—5.0%)	465,805	465,805	465,805
Final — (1974—9.25%)	—	—	861,739
	£465,805	£465,805	£1,327,544
Unappropriated revenue c/fwd	£1,017,323	£790,295	£727,322
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE	48.87p	56.59p	35.74p

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

BHS sales surge by one third while Debenhams streamlines

By Andrew Wilson

Considerable optimism flavoured Sir Mark Turner's statement as chairman to British Home Stores shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting. Sales growth since the end of March has continued the buoyant trend of last year when turnover grew by 33.7 per cent, but this was just as well remembering the impact of inflation on costs.

After exceeding the company's gross profit reference level by £1.3m last year, considerable progress has been made in bringing margins into balance. But, Sir Mark added, progress would have been greater had not sales in the first quarter beaten group estimates.

After the meeting, it emerged that so far sales growth is running ahead at something over 35 per cent. Of this, some 15 to 16 per cent can be attributed to price increases, 6 per cent to greater selling area and the rest to volume gains of perhaps 12 or 13 per cent. Customers are tending to trade up in the price ranges, indicating an improving market share against the other high street multiples.

The chairman said he found it disturbing that at a time of economic crisis, consumer spending should be so great. Though it may not be in shareholders' interests, it is essential this rate of expenditure is reduced in the long term interest of the economy. BHS shares, a weak market of late, recovered 4p to 304p.

This theme is re-echoed by Sir Anthony Burney in his statement with the annual report of Debenhams, the stores group. It saw pre-tax profits fall last year from £10.8m to £5.81m. Sir Anthony points out that the group has entered the year much stronger than before as a result of the measures taken last year to improve trading. As well as reducing staff in the department stores by 30 per cent, greater emphasis is being placed on bulk buying.

Baker Perkins unbowed despite huge US losses

True to its warning of somewhat lower pre-tax profits for the 15 months to March 31 last, Baker Perkins wherein Slater Walker has just over 13.5 per cent of the equity, a source of bid gossip, now reports a fall from £2.8m in the year 1973 to £2.7m in the 15 months.

Before interest, the profits of this maker of machinery for the baking, biscuit, chemical, printing, and packaging industries actually rose.

But interest charges climbed, reflecting high rates and bigger borrowings, and Baker Perkins Inc lost £1.4m. This loss, and another in a European company meant unrelieved losses, and a high tax charge of £2.4m. So earnings a share were only 3.5p.

The North American subsidiary now has a new chief executive and 30 per cent fewer workpeople. A Basingstoke factory was also closed recently. Total order books are still good, though better in some divisions than in others. So it is still possible that profits this year may rise a bit. As announced, the dividend is 9.9p a share gross for the 15 months, against 9.3p.

New Singapore rap for Haw Par

Singapore, June 25.—The Singapore stock exchange has again criticized Haw Par Brothers International, alleging wrong information on the distribution of its assets and income in Malaysia and elsewhere. In a letter to the company the exchange said it regarded information given by the company in reply to earlier queries as "incorrect and irreconciliable with Haw Par's published accounts."

The letter was thhe latest in a series triggered by Haw Par's proposed deal with Pernas Securities.

LOF at peak despite closing fall

There was a fall in second-half pre-tax profits from £5.06m to £4.15m at London & Overseas Freighters, but the group ended the year to March 31 with a record of £9.67m. This excluded a surplus of £150,000 on the sale of a vessel—against £8.19m. The dividend is raised from 4.8p to 5p gross. At half time, the board warned that the depressed tanker market would affect the second half.

Shipbuilding contributed £3.4m to profits, against £2.32m, although shipowning made only £4.67m, against £5.17m. Investment income and interest brought in £1.4m, against £701,000.

Attributable profits are up from £7.86m to £9.15m, and earnings a share from 25.2p to 29.3p.

Tridant recovers

A strong second half rally took Tridant Group Printers to a record pre-tax profit of £775,500 in the year to March 31. The year before it made £757,000.

Price increases had not caught up with higher costs at the half-way stage and profits fell from £376,000 to £327,000. The second half saw a rise from £381,000 to £448,000. The dividend is 4.17p, against 3.71p gross. Turnover reached £7.14m, compared with £6.05m.

Dorman Smith—scrip after record year

Once again the profits of Dorman Smith Holdings, now a "close" company, are a record. They went up from £1.74m to £2.43m before tax in the year to March 31. The board proposes a one-for-five scrip issue plus a dividend of 5.21p net. No comparison is given because of dividend-scrip options to the interim payments.

Liquid resources remain "adequate" but a £500,000 five-year fixed term loan has been arranged. Overdraft facilities for a further £500,000 remain available.

Land & Gen plan to be opposed

Meetings have been convened for July 17 to vote for the enfranchisement of "A" ordinary shareholders in Land & General Developments on the terms already announced.

Rebel shareholder, Mr Rowland-Jones, said last night that he would advise shareholders to vote against the proposals on the existing terms.

Mr Rowland-Jones, who claims the support of 25 per cent of the "A" shareholders, plans to send out a circular early next week.

Stock markets

Increased buying of gilt-edged

The stock market took comfort yesterday from statements by both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the Government's anti-inflation measures will be brought forward sooner than announced. Gilt-edged stocks, in particular, turned higher on hopes that stern moves to combat inflation will be disclosed shortly. Exhaustion of the "long tap" stock indicated that some £100m-£150m has rushed into this stock alone in anticipation of cuts in public spending. Equities rebounded from the selling of the past few days, but the early gains were cut back in late dealings.

Gilts were extremely active. Switching from "shorts" into "mediums" and "longs" was considerable. "Shorts" seems to be unexcited for the time being as further interest rate reductions are not thought likely, while "longs" have been helped by the prospect of Government measures only shortly to curb inflation and by the developing recession.

The long-dated "tap" stock was exhausted at 3.15 pm. It was then almost a point above

The market is convinced that a statement on development financing is coming shortly from Berry Wiggins, the North Sea services and exploration group. The shares, active in late dealings closed 12p up at 86p.

closing levels on Tuesday. Other long-dated stocks tended to be ¼ or ½ point higher. Undated stocks were typically ¼ point up.

"Shorts", by contrast, were depressed. Most stocks were lower on the day, although losses were restricted to 1/16 or ⅛ point.

The equity market remained a prey to uncertainties regarding as to the effects on company profits on the expected anti-inflaion moves from the Government. Consumer stocks turned higher, as bear closers and some genuine came into the market, attracted by the lower levels if the past week. Industrials were shaken at first by a fresh rights issue—this time from Bowater, who want to aise £22.5m, which finally tops the previous record of £686m in rights issues for any single year. But shares closed with gains which brought a rise of 3.4 to 313.7 in the FT index.

The equity market has so far taken the record weight of rights issues without too much grumbling. But there are signs now that the major investment institutions are beginning to rebel. Yesterday's total of recorded bargains, at 8,227, indicated that private clients are behind the rally. The pension funds and other major investors are able to bid for stock below market levels.

Shares in Bowater Corporation dipped to 145p on the rights issue news, to rally later to 150p, a net 5p down on the day. Other leading shares closed off the top, as buyers withdrew in late dealings. ICI, 2p up at 265p had touched 265p. Courtaulds, 3p higher at 120p, were firm, but Beecham, 2p up at 275p had been as high as 277p.

Dunlop Hldgs found buyers at 51p, and other internationals to move up included Bats (310p), Rank "A" (145p) and EMI (176p). But Reed International weer marked down to 230p) in line with the fall in Bowater shares.

The major company reporter was Plessey, but profits were close to market expectations, and the shares ended 1p firmer at 67p. IC aGs jumped by 18p to 163p after further considerationof trading news. Tecalemit, BPB Industries (94p) and Dorman Smith (118p) were others to benefit from trading news.

On the sorely battered store and food share sectors, small recoveries were made as the bear closers came in for stock. Tesco (41p), Cavenham (120p) and J. Lyons "A" (160p) edged forward. But the traditional store leaders remained depressed by fears that the Government's anti-inflation plans ill cut into profit margins. Marks & Spencer (200p) and Boots (216p) gave ground again. Associated Diaries, also regarded as vulnerable on margin grounds, fell back again.

Of the major bid situations currently exciting the market, shares in N. Greening added 2p to 27p to equal Johnson & Firth Brown terms. Sealed Motor Holdings, at 44p, responded to higher terms from Adwest Group).

Swan Hunter closed changed at 64p, after chairman's speech at ann meeting had left shareholc to weigh his argume regarding nationalization c pensation terms. Baker Perl (34p) edged forward on announcement of the rest

Bank shares took a setb after a circular from a m

Shares in Knott Mill Holdi Lancashire-based carpet tailer, moved up from 17p 20p on rumours that a bi on the way. A substar interest is held, indirectly, Royco Group.

stockbroker had suggested the leaders were overpric Selling was not heavy but f of 5p left Barclays Bank 283p, Lloyds at 233p National Westminster at 2 Insurance shares, howe stood up well against disclo by the British Insurance A ciation of the latest un writing losses for last y Properties looked nervous prices remained unchanged

Oil shares continued to h around recent levels, currency trends of significa BP (513p) lost 7p but S improved to 311p on rum that a major statement North Sea pricing will c soon.

Equity turnover on Tue was worth £61.6m (16,992 gains). Active stocks yester according to Exchange T graph, were Glaxo new, E Ready new, ICI, Bowater, S Barclays Bk, Distillers, G Metropolitan, GKN, Great versal Strs "A".

A bullish statement from S African Chamber of M was good for gold shares. though gains were restricte around £1. FS Geduld (£3 P Brand (£25¼) and P S (£19) were among those move up. But elsewhere mines, Botswana RST ran profit takers.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Ashmole Inv (25p) Int	0.33	0.33	19/8	—	1.14
Baker Perkins (50p) S Int	1.75	1.66	1/7	3.25	3.16
BPB Inds (50p) Fin	2.82	2.49	8/8	5.72	5.29
Brit Cotton (25p)	Nil	1.85	—	Nil	1.85
Cont Stationery (10p) Fin	1.41	1.23	26/8	2.11	1.93
Crest Nicholson (10p) Int	0.63	0.63	—	—	2.66
Dorman Smith (20p) Fin	1.26	—	—	5.21	—
G'ufield Milletts (10p) Int	1.32	0.3	—	—	0.93
"LOFs" (25p)	3.21	3.21	—	3.21	3.21
Mansfield Brews (10p) Fin	2.34	2.41	1/8	3.25	2.97
MK Electric (25p) Fin	2	2.74	—	2	4.5
Plessey (50p) Fin	0.87*	1.85	—	3.02*	3.68
Somic (25p) Fin	1.15	1.08	—	1.94	1.78
Throgmorton Tst (25p) Int	1.25	1.25	8/8	—	3.56
Tridant Group (25p) Fin	1.56	1.60	12/8	2.75	2.53

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per sl Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross b To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * For months.

The Times Awards for the Best Advertisemen of a Company's Results in 1975.

The decision to institute 'The Times Awards' proved fully justified in the event.

In 1974, we received nearly 200 entries and our judges found it a most difficult task to decide on the winners. We look forward to receiving a comparable number of entries during the coming year and only minor category changes for this year's scheme have been made. It has been decided to discontinue the colour category and introduce one for 'Interim Results or Preliminary Figures.'

The 1975 revised categories and conditions of entry are set out below.

The Awards will be made by an independent panel of expert judges.

An advertisement of a company's results whether the Chairman's statement is or is not included in full or in abridged form, should:

a) Attract the eye, by reason of its design.
b) Be easy to read, by the skilful use of typography.
c) Contain such information as prospective investors or professional advisers are likely to require, including details of the business carried on by the company.
d) Include such illustrations, graphs, or diagrams as are necessary to supplement (c) above.
e) Leave the reader with the impression that the company concerned would be a good one to do business with, or work for, or in which to invest.

The panel will judge the entries in terms of these criteria.

Note: In the case of the category 'Interim Results or Preliminary Figures' only criteria (a) to (d) will apply.

The Awards.

As in 1974, the Awards themselves will comprise:

a) The Grand Prix, to be held for one year, awarded to the entrant whose advertisement, in the opinion of the judges, is the best submitted, irrespective of category. The Grand Prix consists of a silver trophy, specially designed for The Times by Gordon Hodgson.

b) Prizes for category winners. The first prize in each category will be a working replica of The Times clock in silver. The second and third prizes will be silver medallions. Awards will be made both to the winning advertiser and his agent.

Conditions of Entry.

All entries are free but must have appeared in the pages of The Times Business News during 1975.

The following are the categories in which awards will be made:

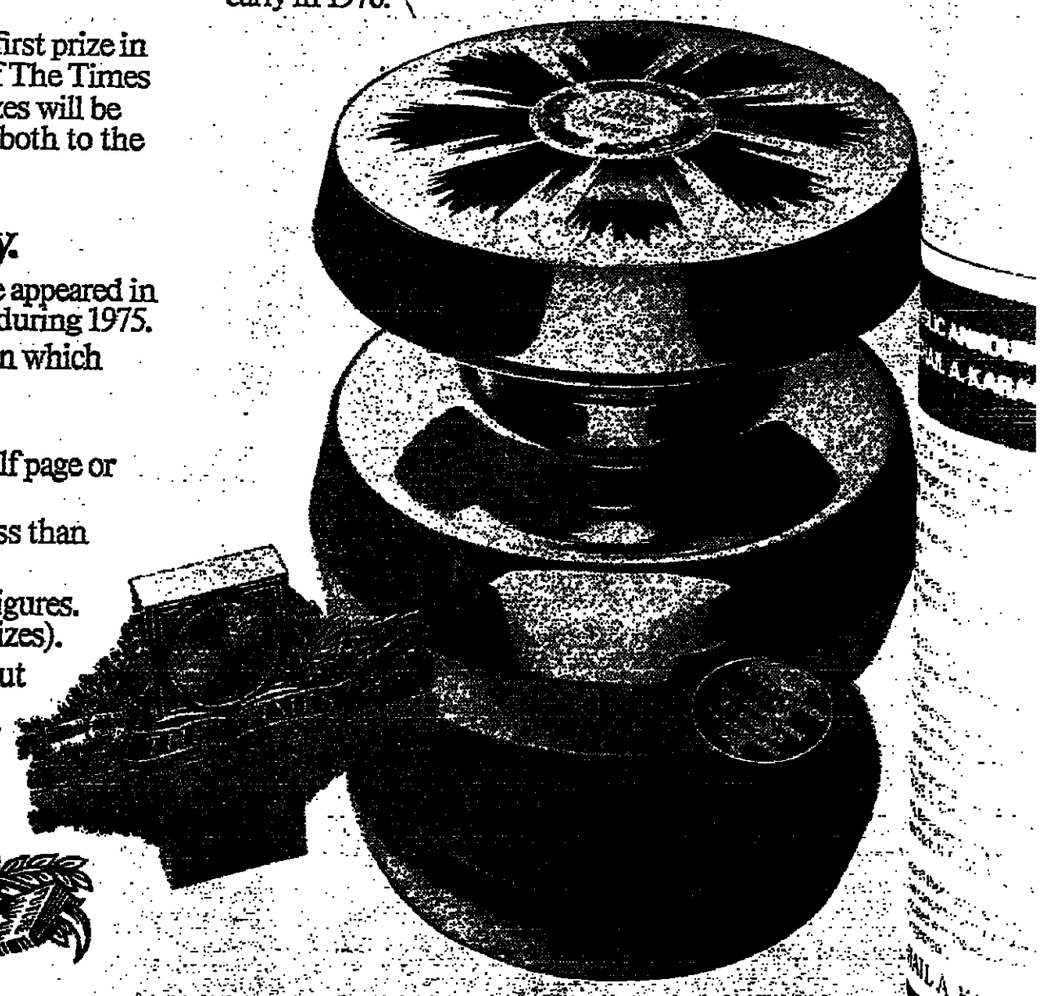
1. Final Results:
   a) Colour or Black and White. Half page or larger, or equivalent.
   b) Colour or Black and White. Less than half page, or equivalent.
2. Interim Results or Preliminary Figures. Colour or Black and White. (All sizes).

Entries will be accepted throughout the twelve month period January 1–December 31, 1975 and should consist of a mounted art pull plus six unmounted art pulls for the panel of judges.

Entries should carry a clear indication of the category in which they are to be judged.

They should be sent to: Michael Mander, Advertisement and Marketing Director, The Times, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ. Telephone: 01-837 1234.

Presentation of the Awards will be made early in 1976.



THE TIMES

ANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

man's Report

oride seeks ansion

chairman of Chloride Mr M. Edwardes says estment in plant, equip- nd buildings was a re- 0.5m in 1974-75 and the lans to spend a lot this year. Investment in r s being stepped up in- investment in "break- technology such as lium sulphur battery, group is determined tain what the chairman claims is world leadership in motive power batteries. The bulk of the rights issue of £7m last November is being used to finance the new motive power battery factory at Over Hulton, near Manchester.

U S is bright spot on Tootal's horizon

"Performance and prospects in the United States are showing signs of recovery", declared Mr Michael Kirsop, the chairman of Tootal, at yesterday's annual meeting.

Although the United Kingdom operations held up well last year two of the largest areas of investment, North America and Australia, suffered a serious decline.

Mining

Selection Trust's share price has been notably weak recently against the mining finance house sector—ostensibly due to the postponement of the development of the Agnew nickel project in Western Australia. The other reason has been thoughts of a rights issue, partly to finance the 80m tonne Broullian base metal mine in Quebec which has finally been christened Detour.

Now that the £175m Agnew has been placed on ice; funding pressures have eased. Feasibility studies on Detour should be finished by the year end but there are reasons for supposing that ST and its Pickands Mather partner may wish to go slowly.

The James Bay hydro-electric scheme should come on stream in 1979 with large quantities of cheap power. Rather than installing major generating capacity at Detour which lies about 70 miles west of Matagami and 100 miles north of Noranda, it may prove more profitable to wait the extra year. Although open-cut mining could go ahead earlier on a limited scale to generate some cash flow.

The Agnew decision is also a pointer to the short term problems facing Western Mining Corporation, Australia's largest nickel producer. The proposed scheme of arrangement for the merger with Great Boulder Mines will dilute the WMC equity by over 3 per cent. And while the scheme comes into effect in the next financial year, Great Boulder's interim loss of $A425,000 scarcely bodes well.

At present, with the shares around 166p cum premium, WMC is selling at over 30 times historic earnings.

International Nickel, at around £20 yields 3.4 per cent, and sells at only 10 to 12 times prospective earnings.

Andrew Wilson
Mining Correspondent

nes & Loans

derland joins e water erence boom

a good response to the rey Water offer (appli- closed yesterday) the ng firmness of the fixed market suggests that nd and South Shields hould have no problems rger, £3m issue of simi- k—9 per cent redeem- ference, 1980.

igh all these issues have the risk of an unsatis- economic package from ernment next month, e firmness of the mar- the rest of this week l mean a slightly higher 1 allotment price for nd next Tuesday than 1.05 at which partial ts were made for East

verage price received Surrey was £100.33 and total applications for the £1m nominal of stock on offer amounted to £2.27m. The Sunderland issue is £10 payable on application next Tuesday with the call for the balance on August 1.

British Steel gets £6m from Europe

The European Communities Commission has lent the British Steel Corporation a further £6m to help meet North Sea oilfield needs. The loan brings the total of Commission loans to BSC to £74.3m, together with the £49.7m advanced by the European Investment Bank.

At the same time, the Commission is allocating grants worth a total of £7.5m for technical steel research, of which £897,000 will go to British research projects.

Richfield to raise $200m for Alaska

Atlantic Richfield Company and ARCO Pipe Line, a subsidiary, plan an issue in the United States of $200m of guaranteed notes in July. The funds will ultimately be used to pay part of ARCO Pipe Line's share of the newly increased construction costs of the trans-Alaska pipe system. Profits of the parent for the June quarter will be sharply lower.

Assoc Eng success

The rights issue to raise £7.86m by Associated Engineering was a success. Of the 18,285,848 ordinary 25p shares offered at 43p each 17.16m or 93.85 per cent were taken up and the balance have been sold at over the issue price.

PARIBAS RAISES LOAN COUPON TO 10½ PER CENT

Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas says it has raised the expected level of the coupon on its 130m franc, seven year bond issue now in process of syndication from 10 per cent to 10½ per cent. The change is the result of a market deterioration with yields rising on the secondary market and Euro-franc interest rates climbing.—Reuter.

YOSHIDA KOGYO PLACING DM20M

Yoshida Kogyo, major Japanese fastener maker, will issue DM20m of bonds in West Germany through private placement early next month. Issue is of five-year bonds with 8.75 per cent coupon and priced at par.—AP-DJ.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	103	104
Airlease 8¼ 1988	86	88
Ashland 8 1987	90½	91½
BICC 7½ 1987	68	72
Bristol 8½ 1979	91	93
British Steel Corp 8⅝ 1989	85	88
Burlington 7¾ 1987	90	91
Carrier 8 1987	90	91
Chevron 7 1980	97	98½
Conoco 7 1980	96	97½
Conoco 8 1986	96½	97½
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	87½	88½
Coventry 8½ 1981	91	93
Coventry 8¾ 1980	89	91
Curacao Tokyo 8½ 1988	93½	94½
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	100½	103½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	91½	92½
Dana 8 1987	90½	91½
Denmark Kingdom 7½ 1990	83½	84½
Denmark Mtge Bank 7½ 1991	81	82
Dundee 9½ 1983	93	96
Escom 9½ 1989	89½	91½
Escom Floating Rate 1980	97½	98½
First Chicago 7 1980	95½	96½
First Pennsylvania 7½ 1984	80	83
GATX 8¼ 1987	89¼	90½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	76	79
Hambros 7½ 1987	76	79
ICI 7½ 1992	77	80
International Util 8½ 1982	95½	96½
Legal & Gen Ass 7½ 1988	73½	76½
Manchester 8½ 1981	88	90
Mexico 8½ 1991	83	87
Michelin 7½ 1988	83½	84½
Mitsubishi 8 1989	93½	95½
Motorola 8 1987	93½	94½
Nat & Grindlays 7½ 1987	77	80
National Coal Board 8½ 1988	85	88
Nippon Fudosan 10½ 1980	102½	103½
NA Rockwell 8½ 1987	90½	91½
Occidental 7½ 1984	83	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	90½	91½
Pacific Lighting 9½ 1981	102	103
Pennwalt 8 1987	91	92
Ralston Purina 7½ 1987	91½	92½
Scanraff 7½ 1990	86½	87½
Scanraff 8½ 1988	95½	96½
Shell 7½ 1987	92½	93½
Singer 11 1977	102	103
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103½	103½
Slough 8 1988	68	71
South Africa 8 1987	81	84
Standard Oil 8½ 1980	101½	102½
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	97½	98½
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	99	100
Sybron 8 1987	91½	92½
Tenneco 7½ 1987	87	88
Textron 7½ 1987	85	86
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	92	93
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	95½	97
Union Oil 7½ 1987	91½	92½
Venezuela 8½ 1987	93½	95½
Volvo 8 1987	88½	89½
Wm Glyns 8½ 1987	80	84
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	106	107
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968-83	81	82
Courtaulds (DM) 6½ 1969-84	81½	82½
Denmark (DM) 9½ 1989	101½	102½
Escom (DM) 7 1973-88	74½	75½
Goodyear (DM) 6½ 1972-87	87	88
ICI (DM) 8 1971-86	86½	87½
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9½ 1980	105	106
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	92½	93½
New Zealand (DM) 9½ 1982	106	107
Suedafrica (DM) 8½ 1970-85	95	97
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988	90½	91½
$ CONVERTIBLES	**Bid**	**Offer**
AMF 5 1987	63	65
American Express 4½ 1987	89½	91½
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	95	97
Beatrice Foods 6½ 1991	106	108
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1993	102	104
Borden 5 1992	89	91
Borden 6½ 1991	100	102
Broadway Hale 4½ 1987	72	73
Carnation 4 1987	88	90
Chevron 5 1992	101	103
Cummins 6½ 1986	81	85
Dart 4½ 1987	89	91
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	113	116
Economic Labs 4½ 1987	86	88
Eaton 5 1987	66	68
Ford 5 1988	74	76
Ford 6 1986	84	86
Gillette 4½ 1987	80	82
Gould 5 1987	82	84
General Electric 4½ 1987	86	88
Halliburton 4½ 1987	136	138
Harris 5 1987	66	68
Honeywell 6 1986	79	81
ITT 4½ 1987	65	67
J. Ray McDermott 4½ 1987	153	155
J. P. Morgan 4½ 1987	131	133
Nabisco 5½ 1988	90	92
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	85½	87½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	85½	87½
Revlon 4½ 1987	99	101
Rank Org 4½ 1993	43	45
Sperry Rand 4½ 1988	97½	99½
Squibb 4½ 1987	84	86
Texaco 4½ 1988	77½	79½
Union Carbide 4½ 1982	108	110
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	91½	93½
Xerox Corp 5 1988	75½	77½

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Wall Street

New York, June 25.—General optimism regarding the for the economy in the half of 1975 helped the k stock market extend its and to five sessions: At day, the Dow Jones In- Average was up by 0.93

ay, the Dow Jones indus- age gained 4.23 points to t was ahead more than nts at its best level 1,000 issues gained and ined. In early trading, ield a 5-to-1 advantage. otalled 26,620,000 shares with 20,720,000 on Mon-

	June 24	June 23
Allied Chem.	38¼	38
Allied Stores	37¾	36½
Allied Supermkt.	2¼	2½
Allis Chalmers	10¼	10¼
Alcoa	48½	48½
Amax Inc	55¼	54½
Amerada Hess	20¼	20¾
Am. Airlines	8¼	8¼
Am. Brands	40¾	40¾
Am. Broadcast	26¼	25¾
Am. Can.	31½	31½
Am. Cyan.	27½	27¾
Am. El. Power	20¾	20¾
Am. Home	42¼	42½
Am. Motors	5¾	5½
Am. Nat. Gas	38⅞	38¾
Am. Standard	13¾	13
Am. Tel.	51	50¾
Amf. Inc.	20¼	19¾
Anaconda	17¾	17¼
Armco Steel	28¾	28½
Asarco	18¼	17¾
Ashland Oil	23½	23
Atl. Richfield	104½	102½
Avco	6	5¾
Avon Prod.	47½	47¾
Babcock & Wcox	28½	26
Bankers Tst NY	39	38 e
Bank of Am.	49¾a	49⅝a
Bank of N.Y.	31½	30¾
Beat Fds.	23	23
Beck. Dick	34½	34½
Bell & Howell	17¼	17¾
Bendix	37¾	38¼
Beth. Steel	35¼	35⅞
Boeing	31¼	30¼
Boise Cascade	22¾	22¾
Borden	23¾	23½
Borg Warner	18½	18⅛
Bristol Myers	68½	66⅞
BP	13¼	12
Budd	8⅝	8⅛
Burl. Ind.	25¼	25½
Burlington Nthn	30½	30¼
Burroughs	104	104
Campbell Soup	32¾	33
Canadian Pac.	14½	14⅛
Caterpillar	64⅞	63⅞
Celanese	37	37¼
Central Soya	14½	14⅞
Charter N.Y.	25½	25¾
Chase Manhat.	37¾	38⅛
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	40¾	39½
Chesapeake Ohio	37¾	38⅞
Chrysler	10½	11
Citicorp	38¾	38¾
Cities Serv.	46¼	45½
Clark Equip	30¾	29⅞
Coca Cola	90	90½
Colgate	33½	34
C.B.S.	51½	51¼
Columbia Gas	28	28
Comb Eng	58½	57
Comw. Edison	29⅞	29¼
Con. Edison	14½	14⅛
Cons Foods	15⅞	15½
Cons Power	18½	18⅛
Cont. Can.	24¾	24⅛
Cont. Oil	68½	68⅞
Control Data	22¼	21⅛
Corning Glass	53½	52
C.P.C. Intnl.	43¾	43⅞
Crane	48⅝	48
Crocker Int	25¾	25⅞
Crown Zeller	38	37¼
Dart Ind.	29⅞	29⅞
Deere	41½	40½
Del Monte	24½	24⅝
Delta Air	35¾	35
Detroit Edison	13¾	13⅞
Disney	51	51
Dow Chem.	88⅞	88
Dresser Ind.	64¾	63⅞
Duke Power	16⅞	16⅞
Du Pont	127⅞	126½
Eastern Air	8⅛	8
East. Kodak	103¾	105
Eaton Corp.	25⅞	25⅛
El Paso G.	12⅞	12⅞
Equitable Life	17¾	17⅞
Esmark	34½	34
Evans P. D.	8⅞	8⅞
Exxon Corp	91¾	91¾
Firestone	19⅞	19
Fst. Chicago	24	23⅞
Fst. Nt. Boston	28⅝	28⅝
Fst. Penn Corp	18½	19
Ford	37⅞	37⅞
G.A.F. Corp.	11¼	10⅞
Gamble Skogmo	24¼	23⅞
Gen. Dynam.	34⅛	32⅞
Gen. Electric	48½	47⅞
Gen Foods	27⅛	27
Gen. Instr.	13	13½
Gen. Mills	49⅞	50⅜
Gen. Motors	45½	45¾
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	17⅞	17⅛
Gen. Tel. El.	25⅛	24⅞
Gen. Tire	14¼	14¾
Genesco	4⅞	5
Georgia Pac.	44¾	44⅞
Getty Oil	190½	188½
Gillette	30⅞	30⅜
Goodrich	17⅝	17½
Goodyear	18¼	18⅛
Gould Inc.	26	24⅞
Grace	27⅞	27⅛
Grant W.T.	4⅞	4⅛
Gt. At. & Pac.	10⅛	10⅝
Greyhound	14¼	14
Grumman Cp.	19	19¾
Gulf Oil	22⅞	22¾
Gulf Wn. Ind.	37⅞	37⅛
Heinz, H. J.	51⅞	51⅞
Hercules	30⅞	31⅛
Honeywell	39⅞	38⅞
IC Inds	15¾	15½
Ingersoll	80¼	79½
Inland Steel	38⅞	38½
I.B.M.	211½	213
Int. Harv.	28	28
Int. Nickel	27⅞	27¼
Int. Paper	51⅛	50¾
Int. Tel Tel.	24	23¾
Jewel Co	23⅝	22½
Jim Walter	41	41½
Johns Manv.	22⅛	22
Johnson & John	97½	97½
Kaiser Alum.	29⅞	27⅛
Kennecott	39⅞	39⅞
Kerr McGee	94⅛	94⅞
Kimb. Clk.	28½	29¼
Kraftco Cp.	38⅞	38½
Kresge S.S.	30⅞	29½
Kroger	21⅞	21⅞
Ligg. Myer	31½	31⅞
L.T.V.	14⅞	15
Litton	8⅞	8⅞
Lockheed	12	11¾
Lucky Stores	13¾	14
Magnavox	8⅛	8¼
Manuf Hanover	38½	37⅞
Mapco	43⅛	42⅞
Marathon Oil	45⅞	44⅞
Marcor Inc.	27	27¼
Marine Mid.	19	19¼
Martin Mar.	18¼	18
McDonnell	16⅛	16¼
Mead	15¾	15¾
Merck	83	83¾
Minn. Min.	65⅞	64⅞
Mobil Oil	48½	45
Monsanto	70⅞	71¼
Morgan, J. P.	70	69¾
Motorola	49⅜	50
NCR Corp	38⅞	38⅞
NL Ind	14⅞	14⅞
Nat. Bisc.	37½	35½
Nat. Distill.	15½	15¾
Nat. Steel	37⅛	37⅛
Norfolk West	68¾	67⅞
NW Bancor	47⅛	45
Norton Simon	21	20
Occ. Pet.	18⅞	18½
Ogden	19⅛	19⅛
Olin Corp.	27	26⅞
Otis Elev.	30⅛	30⅛
Owens Ill.	41¾	42
Pac. Gas. El.	21⅝	21½
Pan. Am.	4⅛	4½
Penn. Cent.	1⅞	1⅞
Penney J C	58⅛	57⅞
Pennzoil	22	22
Pepsico	67⅞	67
Pet Corp	23⅛	22⅞
Pfizer	32	31
Phelps Dod.	38	36⅛
Philip Mor.	50⅞	50⅛
Phill. Pet.	56⅛	55⅛
Polaroid	37	36⅛ e
P.P.G. Ind.	30⅞	30½
Proc. Gamble	97	97
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	17⅛	17⅛
Pullman	55	54½
Rapid American	5⅞	5⅞
Raytheon	58	58⅛
RCA Corp	20⅛	20½
Repub. Steel	32⅞	32⅞
Reynolds Ind.	57⅞	57⅞
Reynolds Metal	23	21⅛
Rockwell Int	23½	23⅛
Royal Dutch	37½	37½
Safeways	48⅞	48½
St. Regis	27½	27½
Santa Fe Ind	28⅛	27
SCM	12¾	12¾
Schlumbgr.	88	86
Scott. Paper	16	15½
Seaboard Coast	22⅞	21⅛
Seagram	30	30
Sears Roe.	73½	71½
Shell Oil	56⅞	54⅞
Shell Trans.	27⅞	28
Signal Co	17⅞	17⅛
Singer	15	15¼
Sony	13	12½
Sth Cal Edison	21	20⅞
Southern Pac.	28⅛	28¼
Southern Rly.	42⅛	50
Sperry Rand	46⅛	45⅞
Squibb	37¼	38
Std. Brands	70½	69½
Std. Oil Cal.	32	32
Std. Oil Ind.	48⅞	47⅞
Std. Oil Ohio	74	72¼
Sterling Drug	20⅛	20⅛
Stevens J.P.	18½	17⅞
Stude Worth	32½ e	32⅛
Sunbeam Cp.	20⅞	21
Sundstrand	25⅛	24⅛
Sun-Oil	35	34⅛
Teledyne	23½	23⅞
Tenneco	24⅞	24⅞
Texaco	27⅞	27½
Texas East Trans	35½	36¼
Texas Inst	108½	109
Texas Utilities	24⅞	24½
Textron	24	23⅞
T.W.A.	8¼	8⅛
Travelers Gp.	27½	27½
T.R.W. Inc.	25½	24⅞
U.A.L. Inc.	20⅝	20¼
Unilever Ltd.	34⅞	34⅞
Unilever N.V.	43½	43½
Unionamerica	3½	3⅞
Union Bancorp	8⅞	8½
Union Carb.	61¼	62
Un. Oil Cal.	43⅛	43⅛
Un. Pacific Corp.	78⅛	75½
Uniroyal	8	8
United Brands	5¼	5¼
Utd Merch & Man	13¼	13½
U.S. Industries	4⅞	4⅞
U.S. Steel	60⅞	61¼
Utd Technol	61¼	60⅞
Wachovia	24⅛	24⅛
Warner Comm	16⅞	17⅛
Warner Lambert	37	38⅛
Wells Fargo	19½	19⅞
West'n Bancorp	25⅛	24⅛
Weighs El.	19	18½
Weyerhaeuser	40	39½
Whirlpool	24¼	23½
White Motor	8⅞	8½
Woolworth	15¼	14⅞
Xerox Cp.	69⅛	68½
Zenith	26	26½

Canadian Prices

	June 24	June 23
Abitibi	9⅞	10
Alcan	24¼	23½
Alg. Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Asbestos	17	16½
Bell Tel.	44⅛	44⅞
Can. Sup. Oil	42	42
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.83	4.83
Cominco	28⅞	28⅛
Cons. Bat.	27	26½
Falconbridge	34	34⅛
Gulf Oil	32⅛	32⅛
Hawker Can.	6.25	5.63
Hud. Bay Min	18⅛	18
Hud. Bay Oil	33¼	33½
I.A.C. Ltd.	19⅞	19⅛
Imasco	29⅞	30⅛
Imp. Oil	28⅛	29⅞
Int. Pipe	12⅞	12⅛
Mass.-Fergn.	15⅛	15⅞
Power Cp.	8⅞	9
Price Bros.	14½	14½
Royal Trust	22⅞	22⅞
Seagram	31	30⅛
Steel Co.	27⅞	27⅞
Tex. Can.	29⅛	29½
Trans. Mnt. Oil	10⅛	10½
Walker H.	31½	32⅞
W.C.T.	22	22

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. b Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.2615 ($2.2720): three months, $2.2412 ($2.2480): Canadian dollar, 97.56c (97.53c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 1.38 to 288.34. The futures index was up 2.65 to 247.05.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 869.06 (864.43): transportation, 168.10 (167.81): utilities, 87.07 (86.50): 65 stocks, 264.79 (263.62).

New York Stock Exchange index, 50.50 (49.94): industrials, 55.91 (55.23): transportation, 32.78 (32.45): utilities, 34.01 (33.81): financial, 53.99 (53.51).

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ork, June 24.—COCOA.— losed near the highs of the gains of 1.45 to 1.15 cents d allied to technical and factors. Commission house were activated during the which may also have included ing. Some traders reckoned t steep market decline may tomed out.—July, 47.65c; .25c; Dec, 42.15c; March, May, 42.98c; July, 43.15c. Sept, unquoted. Spot, Ghana a 55c.

—Futures in "C" contract some support today after limit decline of 2.00 cents mixed. Final prices ranged wer to 0.10c higher.—July, ; Sept, 54.90c; Nov, 55.20- 56.75-20c; March, 56.15- 56.60c.

—Futures closed firm.—June, July, 456.80c; Aug, 460.20c; 5.60c; Dec, 473.90c; Jan, March, 483.90c; May, July, 497.00c; Sept, 503.50c. Harman, $447.50 (previous Handy and Harman of Can$4.604 (previous).

utures closed firmer in quiet The New York Comex added to $1.80 and the Chicago d 50 cents to $1.30 higher. EX: June, $163.30; July, Aug, $164.50; Oct, $166.90; 9.40; Feb, $171.80; April, June, $176.60; Aug, Oct, $181.50. CHICAGO ept, $165.80-165.90; Dec, asked; March, $173.00- d; June, $176.60 bid; Sept,

—Futures closed steady be- points down and 10 points lots. June, 52.80c; July, Aug, 53.30c; Sept, 53.70c; 10c; Jan, 55.50c; March, May, 57.40c; July, 58.20c.

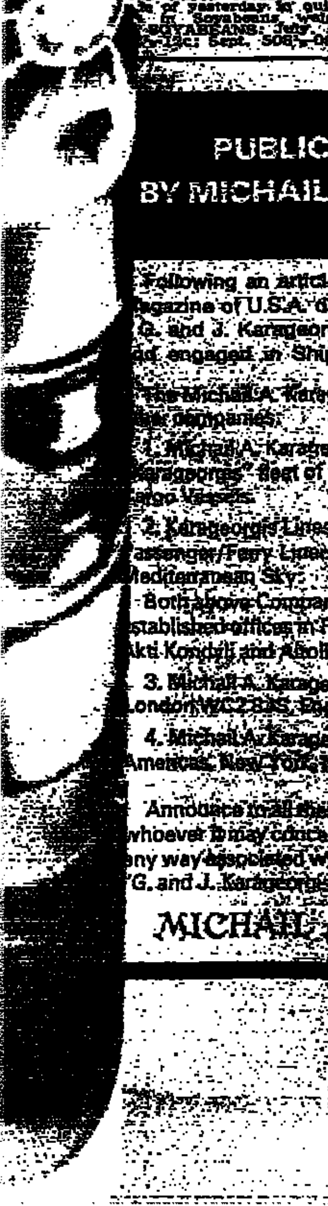
—Futures in No 11 contract more than half-a-cent on generated by the strength in which will expire Monday. 15-21c; Sept, 12.31-40c; Oct, ; Jan, 12.22c nominal; March, ; May, 12.21c asked; July, ept, 12.00-11.97c; Oct, 12.00- oot, 13.35c up 50.

—Futures reversed an early to close 0.80 to 1.00 cent eet levels for the day. July, Oct, 48.75-85c; Dec, 49.20- n, 50.10c; May, 50.75-85c; 10-45c; Oct, 51.90c bid; Dec, ld.

Fine Wool futures remained Bid prices ranged from un- to 0.10 cent up on the day. to sold in Crossbred futures. ids were 0.10 cent higher to ll lower against yesterday's REASE WOOL.—Spot, 153.0c July, 132.5-6.0c; Oct, c; Dec, 136.0-9.0c; March, c; May, 136.0-42.0c; July, d; Oct, 136.0c bid. CROSS- Spot, 77.0c nominal. July, ; Oct, 77.0-80.0c; Dec, 76.0- rch, 76.0-9.0c; May, 76.0c. 76.0c bid; Oct, 76.0c bid.

SOYABEANS: Oil eased with 0.32 to 0.12 cents per lb from firmer foreign markets pick-up in cash market acti- al closed $0.80 to $0.70 on s of yesterday in quiet trade. in Soyabeans weighed on SOYABEANS: July, 528-17c; 0-15c; Sept, 508½-08c; Nov, 508-07c; Jan, 515-14c; March, 532c; May, 530c; July, 533c; Aug, 534c. SOYABEAN MEAL: July, $124.50-5.00; Aug, $126.00-6.20; Sept, $127.50; Oct, $128.50-8.70; Dec, $129.60; Jan, $131.00-1.50; March, $132.50-3.00. SOYABEAN OIL: July, 22.60-55c; Aug, 21.65-60c; Sept, 20.15-20.00c; Oct, 20.60c; Dec, 20.15-20c; Jan, 20.00; 19.95c; March, 19.80-85c; May, 19.70-75c; July, 19.50-60c; Aug, 19.50c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed firm 5½ to 6½c higher. July, 322-321½c; Sept, 328½-328c; Dec, 340-339c; March, 349-350c; May, 353c. MAIZE closed firm 1½ to ½c higher. July, 289-288½c; Sept, 267½-267½c; Dec, 250½-250½c; March, 256½c; May, 260½c. OATS closed firm 2½ to 2½c higher. July, 153½c; Sept, 144c; Dec, 144½-144½c; March, 145½c; May, 145½c nominal.



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY MICHAIL A. KARAGEORGIS S.A.

Following an article published recently in Barron's Magazine of U.S.A. dated 2nd June, 1975 concerning "G. and J. Karageorgis" apparently based in Piraeus and engaged in Shipping:

The Michail A. Karageorgis Group comprising amongst other companies:

1. Michail A. Karageorgis S.A., operating the well known "Karageorgis" fleet of Product Carriers, Tankers and Dry Cargo Vessels.

2. Karageorgis Lines Corporation, operating the luxury Passenger/Ferry Liners Mediterranean Sea and Mediterranean Sky.

Both above Companies conducting their business through established offices in Piraeus, Greece (Karageorgis Building, Akti Kondili and Aholkou 2).

3. Michail A. Karageorgis (London) Ltd., 36 King Street, London WC2 8JS, England.

4. Michail A. Karageorgis of N.Y. Inc., 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019, U.S.A.

Announce to all their customers and business friends and to whoever it may concern that they have no connection or are in any way associated with the above firm calling itself "G. and J. Karageorgis".

MICHAIL A. KARAGEORGIS S.A.

CNTP expects fresh profit rise

Country & New Town Properties, the property investment and retail stores group, expects that its international operations will ensure its profits in the current year will show a reasonable improvement. Mr G. Newton, the chairman, points out that the group, in which British & Commonwealth Shipping has a 29.7 per cent stake, will this year receive some benefit from the relaxation of rent controls, while the retail division—Civil Service Stores in the Strand and Blundells at Luton—are continuing to show an upward trend in trading. A substantial improvement in the group's cash position is revealed in the accounts.

Armstrong takeover

Armstrong Equipment has agreed to acquire Huntfield Engineering, one of the largest makers of exhaust systems in the United Kingdom, for £300,000 in shares now and £180,000 in cash within six months.

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Sales for year to March 31 up 37 per cent to £12m and pre-tax profits up 25 per cent to £837,000. Dividend, 1.225p gross (1.09p gross).

Dorman Smith Holdings Ltd

	1975 £'000	1974 £'000	1968 £'000
TURNOVER	10,724	7,247	2,323
EXPORTS	2,951	1,106	256
PRE-TAX PROFIT	2,435	1,747	376
TAXATION	1,282	910	164

Mr. T. G. F. Atherton, Chairman, Dorman Smith Holdings Ltd.

1. Results for the year represent further substantial progress – record turnover for the past six out of seven years – record profits for the ninth consecutive year.
2. During the past five years average pay per employee has risen from £1,008 to £2,105.
3. Taking account of monthly variations, the Company's share price has little more than kept pace with the increase in average rates of pay per employee.
4. Interim dividends totalling 3·95p per share, with Scrip Option, have already been declared – final recommended dividend 1·26p per share with a Scrip bonus of 1 for 5.
5. The present level of Government interference remains intolerable. Government interference usually does more harm than good.
6. Levels of taxation are ludicrous. There can be no worthwhile future for a country whose largest growth industry is that of politicians (of all parties) spending other people's money.
7. Politicians of all parties have in the last five years done more lasting damage to British Industry than the whole of the German Air Force in two world wars.
8. Providing U.K. and world climates do not deteriorate too seriously, Dorman Smith should make further progress in the year ahead.

Dorman Smith

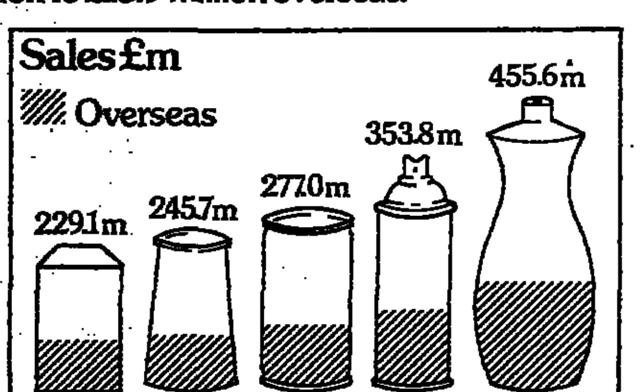
Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. K. F. Blackshaw F.C.A. Dorman Smith Holdings Ltd., Atherton Works, Blackpool Road, Preston PR2 2DQ.

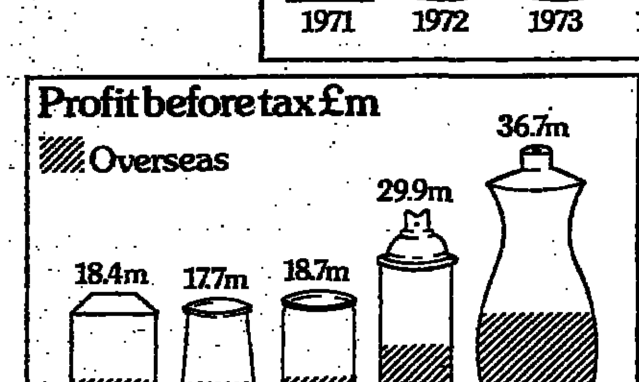
METAL BOX REPORTS

Results for 1974/5

Sales increased by 29% to £455 million; with UK sales increasing by 28%, and overseas sales by 30%.

Profit after taxation rose by 21% to £19.2 million: pre-tax profits rising by £2.5 million to £20.8 million in the UK, and by £4.3 million to £15.9 million overseas.





The company was able to continue with two major investment projects—a beverage can factory at Westhoughton, and a glass bottle factory in Nigeria. Inevitably, some smaller projects have had to be delayed.

Inflation has reached such a peak in this country and in some territories in which we operate overseas, that money no longer fulfils the function of a stable yardstick over time, and therefore substantial retained profits often fall short of the sums required even to replace fixed assets and working capital.

The Industry Bill

In his Statement, the Chairman of Metal Box referred to some of the company's reservations about the Industry Bill as currently drafted.

While the Company fully supports the stated objectives of the Bill of promoting industrial efficiency and safeguarding employment, the Bill provides little limitation on the scope of Government interference in industry, and planning agreements give Government a degree of control which could be not only unwarranted but positively harmful. In addition the required disclosure of information will be particularly harmful to a company like Metal Box, whose main (foreign-owned) competitors will be under no corresponding obligation to reveal information themselves.

Outlook

Of the £35.5 million that Metal Box spent on capital items last year (most of it in the U.K.) a sizeable proportion was allocated to the introduction of the new 2-piece can making process in this country: plans are now being made to extend this technology into some overseas subsidiaries.

The need to finance these investments, in order to maintain the company's leadership in its markets, and to be ready to meet the future demands of customers, is a major factor in the decision to make a rights issue in the London Market.

The general economic uncertainty makes it difficult to predict the trading results for the current year which, it is believed, will be one of consolidation in preparation for the next step forward. When this will occur, in today's conditions, is difficult to forecast; but Metal Box is confident that it will, and that the company will be well prepared.

Thanks to employees

We have just completed the first full year in which the human, commercial and financial repercussions of the oil crisis have made themselves felt. I should like to thank all employees for the way in which they have faced these problems and for their efforts and loyalty during the past year.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 17th July 1975 at the Dorchester, Park Lane, London W1 at 12.30 pm.

Metal Box Limited

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

British Cotton & Wool move into red but group is now back in the black

Following a first half downturn in pretax profits from £316,000 to £58,000 brought about by lower margins and almost doubled interest charges, British Cotton & Wool Dyers' Association then proceeded to go into the red. Tough going in parts of the textile industry have turned 1973-74 pre-tax profits of £573,000 into losses of £69,000 in the full year to last March. To preserve liquidity no dividend is paid compared with 2.75p.

The board says that the loss flows mainly from the units associated with the slubbing trade which accounted for about 15 per cent of group turnover. They have now decided to withdraw from this activity. By contrast, the timber and manufacturing interests broke even. Adequate provisions have been made in the accounts for expected closure costs in the Yorkshire area of operations and these are included in extraordinary items. The group, excluding the pending closures, is currently trading profitably and the board is keeping control of liquidity.

Blyth, Greene raises new cash backing

The board of Blyth, Greene, Jourdain (merchant bankers and general merchants) still hopes obtain a public quotaion, but has meanwhile arranged some longer-term finance.

A private placing of £1.2m, 11 per cent convertible loan stock 1983-88 has been arranged and I.C.F.C. has agreed to a ten-year loan of £500,000. Together these should raise roughly the sum aimed at in the offer for sale, abandoned because of market conditions last year.

Meanwhile, pre-tax profits for 1974 are up from £1.23m to a record £1.28m.

London white sugar contract approved

The United Terminal Sugar Market Association has approved proposals to trade in a white sugar contract from July 15, the terminal committee chairman, Mr David Harcourt, told Reuters.

First delivery month will be October, with trading months running parallel to the raws contracts — October, December, March, May and August. The size of lot will also be the same at 50 long tons.

The new contract will be designated "United Terminal Sugar Market Association Contract Number 2A White Sugar Conversions" and trading will not be in white sugar itself but in the difference between raw and white sugar prices. Mr Harcourt said the association also approved London daily white sugar price quotations, starting on July 1.

Greenfield Milletts

Though the pre-tax profits of Greenfield Milletts for the half year to April 30 are down from £277,000 to £165,000 chairman Mr R. Greenfield, expects the full year's profit to beat the record £551,000 achieved last year. The interim dividend rises from 0.44p to 0.49p gross. Turnover slipped from £2.54m to £2.52m, but trade is now picking up. One factor in the fall was the absence of unusually high sales of butane gas and appliances during the 1974 power crisis.

Lovell's losses

No interim dividend and a pretax loss of £13,600 against a profit of £5,122 for the half year to April 26 is the news from G. F. Lovell, the Gwent-based confectionery group. Bread and cake baking was to blame and the board has closed this division. Earlier this month Hills London Shops, said it had bought Sterling Industrial Securities stake in Lovell of about 70 per cent of the equity for £77,000 or 11p a share and would be making an offer for the rest.

London Equity Ass

London Equity Assurance was yesterday required by the Secretary of State for Trade to cease taking on new business in Britain. The company, which was established in the mid-60s to write policies designed to mitigate tax liability, and which took on a substantial amount of new business in the wake of the Nation Life collapse, had in April offered the bulk of its policyholders 100 per cent repayment of their premiums. Against the 600 policyholders which London Equity Assurance had at its peak, there are at present only five of the original annuity holders and eight others still insured with the company.

LINCROFT KILGOUR GROUP

Group pre-tax profit for half-year to March 31, £376,000 (£432,087); turnover £4.76m (£4.73m); Interim dividend 1.08p (0.99p). Board say full year profits will be markedly lower.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	9½%
C. Hoare & Co.	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6¼%, up to £25,000, 6¾%, over £25,000, 7¼%.

MONSANTO INTERNATIONAL FINANCE COMPANY

The 4½% Guaranteed Sinking Fund Debentures due October 15, 1985, of Monsanto International Finance Company are convertible into Monsanto Company common stock at the newly adjusted price of $87 per share.
June 25, 1975

MONSANTO INTERNATIONAL FINANCE COMPANY
By R. C. O'Sullivan, Controller.

M. J. H. NIGHTINGALE & CO. LIMITED
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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	45	—	3.0	6.7	5.0
126	90	Henry Sykes	126	—	4.9	3.9	8.4
61	29	Twinlock Ord	37	—	0.8	2.3	8.6
61	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	61	—	12.0	19.7	—

INTERIM STATEMENT

Plessey 1974/75 results and final dividend

The Board of The Plessey Company has given further consideration to its dividend policy following its change of year-end to 31 March and in the light of existing Treasury regulations. As a result, at a Board meeting held yesterday it is now the Board's intention to recommend a final dividend of 0.87293 pence a share for the nine months trading period to 31 March 1975.

Together with the two interim dividends totalling 2.15 pence a share net, already paid or declared, the final now recommended makes the payment for the period 3.02293 pence a share net. On an annualised basis, this is the maximum permitted increase.

The consolidated results for the third and final quarter and for the nine months ended 31 March are given below.

Any change of accounting date makes comparisons difficult, so to give some indications of trends of performance, the previously reported results have been adjusted to align with the new dates as far as is practicable. The net effect of these adjustments is that the pre-tax profit for the period ending 31 March, 1974 has been increased by £800,000 compared with the figures originally reported. The adjustment brings into the comparative periods ended March 1974 the net amount of profit related to those periods but originally reported at the previous financial year ended 30 June.

The pre-tax profit for the nine months at £27.3 million is marginally (one per cent) below the adjusted profit for the comparable period of the previous year.

Figures in £000s	3 months to 31 March 1975	3 months to 31 March 1974 (Adjusted)	9 months to 31 March 1975	9 months to 31 March 1974 (Adjusted)*
Sales	112,300	108,900	318,900	293,100
Profit on Trading	13,652	14,271	38,777	36,814
Depreciation	3,242	3,066	9,969	8,819
Operating Profit	10,410	11,205	28,808	27,995
Associated Companies	1,079	856	3,332	2,727
Interest Receivable	529	591	822	1,582
Interest Payable	2,240	1,896	5,622	4,723
Profit before Taxation	9,778	10,756	27,340	27,531
Taxation	4,300	4,900	12,500	12,500
Profit after Taxation	5,478	5,856	14,840	15,031
Minority Interests	298	24	740	94
Profit before Extraordinary Items	5,180	5,832	14,100	14,957
Dividends including proposed final			5,663	5,178**
Extraordinary Items (Net)				
Exchange adjustments			—2,434	+2,759
Business closures & disposals			—2,303	
Back Service Pension Funding			—1,680	
Fire Claim			— 14	+ 359
Investment Disposal			+ 373	—7,202
			—6,058	—4,084
Earnings per Share Before Extraordinary Items	2.77p	3.12p	7.54p	8.01p
Dividend per Share			3.02293p	2.745525**

For comparison purposes only the following information is given on a twelve month basis:	12 months to 31 March 1975 (Adjusted)	12 months to 31 March 1974 (Adjusted)*
Sales	429,300	378,600
Operating Profit	40,966	38,221
Profit before Taxation	39,955	33,346
Profit after Taxation	21,755	22,046
Extraordinary Items (Net)	—2,274	—3,419
Earnings per Share: Before Extraordinary Items	11.22p	11.72p
After Extraordinary Items	10.01p	9.89p

* *Adjusted for items credited or charged to fourth quarter which would have been charged to the third quarter had this been the final quarter.*
** *1974 = ¾ of total year. All figures excluding tax credit.*

PLESSEY
OPERATING INTERNATIONALLY IN 136 COUNTRIES

Commodities

COPPER.—Cash wire bars closed £9.00 higher, with three months up by a similar amount. Closing tone: firm. Cash cathodes rose by £9.25 while three months were £8.25 dearer. Tone: firm, but quiet. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £528.50-29.00 a metric ton; three months, £546.50-47.50. Sales, 4,600 tons. Cash cathodes, £517-18.00; three months, £534.50-35.50. Sales, 100 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £523-23.50; three months, £541-41.50. Settlement, £523.50. Sales, 3,450 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £511.50-12.00; three months, £528.50-29.00. Settlement, £512.00. Sales, 450 tons (about half carries).
SILVER closed barely steady after being firmer.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 201.05p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent 452.6); three months, 206.55p (461.0c); six months, 212.20p (469.4c); one-year, 225.60p (488.4c). London Metal Exchange. — Afternoon. — Cash, 202.5-2.8p; three months, 207.9-8.0p; seven months, 214.5-15.5p. Sales, 153 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning. Cash, 201.6-1.8p; three months, 206.9-7.0p; seven months, 213.9-14.0p. Settlement, 201.8p. Sales, 71 lots (about half carries).
TIN.—Standard metal closed barely steady after being firmer. High-grade was idle. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,075-80 a metric ton; three months, £3,065-68. Sales, 400 tons (about half carries). High grade, Cash, £3,075-80; three months, £3,065-68. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,070-75; three months, £3,059-60. Settlement, £3,075. Sales, 240 tons. High grade, cash, £3,070-75; three months, £3,060-65. Settlement, £3,075. Sales, 15 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M932 a picul.
LEAD closed firm.—Afternoon.—Cash, £163-63.50 a metric ton; three months, £166.50-67.00. Sales, 1,175 tons. Morning.—Cash, £161-62.00; three months, £165-66.00. Settlement, £162.00. Sales, 1,575 tons.
ZINC closed quieter.—Afternoon.—Cash, £326-28.00 a metric ton; three months, £317.50-18.50. Sales, 550 tons. Morning.—Cash, £329-29.50; three months, £318-18.50. Settlement, £329.50. Sales, 1,150 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.
PLATINUM rose by 50p to £66.25 ($149.50) a troy ounce.
JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, June/July, £200; "D" grade, June/July, £193 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian June/July Rs480; Dundee Daisee June/July Rs455 per bale of 400lb.
WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—July, 156.0-58.0p per kilo; Oct, 162.0-64.0p; Dec, 163.0-67.0p; March, 170.5-72.5p; May, 174.0-76.0p; July, 175.5-78.0p; Oct, 176.0-78.0p; Dec, 178.0-82.0p. Sales: three lots.
RUBBER was about steady.—Aug, 32.00-34.50p per kilo; Sept, 32.50-34.00p; Oct/Dec, 34.00-34.05p; Jan/March, 35.35-35.40p; April/June, 36.45-36.60p; July/Sept, 37.35-37.75p; Oct-Dec, 37.90-38.20p; Jan/March, 38.45-38.65p; April/June, 39.00-39.25p. Sales: 28 lots at five tonnes each and 225 lots at 15 tonnes each, including 22 options.
RUBBER PHYSICALS were dull.—Spot: 31.00-33.00p. Cifs: Aug, 28.00-28.50p; Sept, 28.75-29.50p.
MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides 33.0-37.0p per lb. English hindquarters, 44.0-45.5p; English forequarters, 21.0-23.0p; Ulster hindquarters, 42.0-45.0p; Ulster forequarters, 20.0-22.0p.
VEAL: English fats, 38.0-42.0p; *English fats, 44.0p; Scotch bobbies, 12.0-17.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 52.0-56.0p.
LAMB: English small, 34.0-38.0p; English medium, 32.0-35.0p; English heavy, 30.0-34.0p.
Imported frozen: NZ D's, 30.5-31.0p; NZ 2's, 30.5-31.0p; NZ 8's, 29.5-29.5; NZ YL's, 28.5-29.0p.
EWES: 12.0-13.0p.
PORK: English, under 100 lbs, 27.0-33.0p; English, 100-120 lbs, 27.0-31.0p; English, 120-160 lbs, 27.0-30.0p; English, 160-180 lbs, 26.0-28.0p; English, 180 lbs and over, 24.0-26.0p.
*Special quotation—very high quality produce in limited supply.
COFFEE.—Robusta terminal drifted lower during the early afternoon under light selling in a rather thin market. But the trend was later reversed by a steadier New York market and a good commission-house buying interest. At the close, prices were around the day's "highs"—£7.5 to £4.00 up on balance. Sales totalled 872 lots.
Arabicas closed five points lower to 75 points higher in sales of 44 lots.
ROBUSTAS.—July, £465.0-6.0 per metric ton; Sept, £462.0-3.0; Nov, £458.8-9.0; Jan, £457.0-8.0; March, £459.0-60.0; May, £461.0-3.0; July, £463.5-5.0. Sales: 872 lots, including four options.
ARABICAS.—June, $63.00-63.50 per 50 kilos; Aug, $65.00-65.70; Oct, $64.30-64.40; Dec, $64.50-64.60; Feb, $64.90-65.50; April, $65.10-65.20; June, $68.20-66.00. Sales: 44 lots.
COCOA.—Easier conditions prevailed in futures during the afternoon, and prices finished at newly-established "lows" for the day. On-balance losses ranged from £8.50 to £2.50 per tonne.
July, £448.0-49.0 per metric ton; Sept, £447.0-48.0; Dec, £457.0-58.0; March, £464.0-65.0; May, £468.0-69.0; July, £471.0-73.0; Sept, £474.0-76.5. Sales: 1,462 lots, including three options. ICO prices, daily, 44.27c; 15-day average, 44.94c; 22-day, 45.98c (US cents per lb).
SUGAR futures after lunch failed to maintain the recent steady trend and fresh selling and profit-taking was encouraged by an easing in New York and, by the close, prices were trading around the day's "lows". Values were £3.35 to £2.25 lower on balance and sales totalled 2,372 lots.
The London daily price was raised by £7.00 to £140 a long ton.—Aug, £131.50-31.75 a long ton; Oct, £126.00-25.50; Dec, £124.30-24.40; March, £124.55-24.95; May, £125.00-25.10; Aug, £126.00-26.05; Oct, £125.55-26.00. Sales, 2,372 lots. ISA prices, 12.65c; 17-day average 13.86c.
SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Aug, £72.80-73.00 per metric ton; Oct, £73.60-73.70; Dec, £73.60-73.90; Feb, £75.20-75.50; April, £76.30-76.50; June, £77.60-78.00; Aug, £79.10-79.40. Sales, 133 lots.
GRAIN (The Baltic).—A small quantity of EEC barley traded for July shipment to the east coast United Kingdom. Imported grains were otherwise neglected at about previous offering prices.
WHEAT.—US dark northern spring number two 14 per cent July, £84.50; Aug, £83.20; Sept, £78.15 trans-shipment east coast. US hard winter number two 13½ per cent, July, £69.55; Aug, £69.50 direct shipment Tilbury. EEC milling, July, £85 trans-shipment west coast.
MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French, July, £64.75; Aug, £55.50; Sept, £58.75 trans-shipment east coast seller. South African white, dent, Aug, £66.00 Glasgow. South African yellow flint, Aug, £65.00 Glasgow.
BARLEY.—EEC feed, June and July, £54.50 trans-shipment east coast. All a long ton, cif United Kingdom unless stated.
MARK LANE.—There was little change in price valuations and business remained quiet yesterday. Small sales were mentioned for Hagberg 180 milling wheat to London at £56.75 per long ton, July delivery, following are average sellers' quotations, per long ton, delivered, London: Wheat milling 180 Hagberg, July, £56.75; Aug, £58.80; Oct/Dec, £64.25. Denaturable, July, £55.50; Barley, unquoted.
London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY easier.—Sept, £56.05; Nov, £57.65; Jan, £60.10; March, £61.85; May, £63.50. WHEAT, easier.—Sept, £58.65; Nov, £60.95; Jan, £63.10; March, £65.05; May, £66.75. All a long ton.
Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feeding BARLEY
Banbury	£50.00	£51.00
Ormskirk	—	£51.40

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 133.43 on June 24 against 133.59 a week earlier.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Akroyd and Smithers 20p	185
All Irish Banks 10% Cnv (£100n)	£45+1
Clive Discount (20)	49
Colne Val Wtr 9% Rd Pf (†b)	£11¼
Deelkraal Gold (R2)	370+10
Folkestone Wtr 9% Pf (†b)	£11¼
Gestetner 10% Cnv (£100)	£124-2
Nth Atlantic Secs 7¾% Cnv (£100)	£113
Nth Surrey Wtr 9% Pf (†b)	£11¼
Southend 12¾% 1983 (£99¼b)	£44¾+¼
Warwickshire 12¾% 1980 (£99†)	£99
Waterford Glass 10% Cnv (100)	100+1
Westminster 13% 1981 (£97½b)	£10¾+¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
BOC (46‡)	..	3 prem+¼
Barrow Hepburn (25‡)	..	9½ prem-½
Bell A. (85‡)	Aug 1	10 prem
Carless Capel (40‡)	Aug 8	20 prem
Com Bnk Aust (A$1.50‡)	Aug 7	5 prem
Duport (45)	July 25	45½
Ever Ready (65‡)	..	6 prem+2
GEI Int (78‡)	..	4 prem+1
Glaxo (200‡)	..	137+2
NSS News (103‡)	Aug 8	27 prem-1
Phoenix Ass (180‡)	..	14 prem
Premier Cons (8‡)	..	4 prem
Serck (27‡)	..	8½ prem+1½

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. e £85 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

MANSFIELD BREWERY

Pre-tax profit for year to March 31, £1.82m (£1.75m). Total dividend, 5p gross (4.41p gross).

SOMIC

Turnover for year to March 31, £1.38m (£1.17m). Pre-tax profit, £147,000 (£140,000). Total payment, 2.99p gross (2.62 gross).

Foreign Exchange

The pound closed at a record trade-weighted depreciation yesterday after another uncomfortable session on the foreign exchanges. The "effective rate" ended at 26.8 per cent from 26.7 per cent overnight.

Dealers said the pound which came under moderate selling pressure after mid-session touched $2.2490 against the dollar before rallying to close slightly firmer at $2.2565, to show a net 20-point loss on the day.

The pound, which touched new "lows" in some European centres, drifted lower until about mid-session when relatively [illegible] selling orders, possibly [illegible] from Switzerland and Scandina[via] drove the dollar-sterling [rate] down, dealers said.

They said that operators ner[vous] of the future course of Un[ited] Kingdom inflation in the abs[ence] of concrete Government ac[tion] on wage settlements, were [sell]ing sterling for dollars and [buy]ing marks and other st[rong] currencies.

Gold jumped $2.00 an ounce [to] $164.50.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) June 25	Market rates (close) June 25
New York	$2.2490-2590	$2.2560-2570
Montreal	$2.3085-3165	$2.3120-3145
Amsterdam	5.46-49fl	5.46½-47½fl
Brussels	78.80-79.50f	79.00-20f
Copenhagen	13.25-31k	13.29-30k
Frankfurt	5.25-29m	5.27½-28½m
Lisbon	54.60-55.20e	54.70-90e
Madrid	126.70-128.30p	126.80-128.60p
Milan	1,412-17lr	1,414-15lr
Oslo	11.03-08k	11.06-07k
Paris	8.97-9.03f	9.01½-02½f
Stockholm	8.81½-85½k	8.84-85k
Tokyo	667-74y	669-71y
Vienna	37.15-55sch	37.25-45sch
Zurich	5.57½-66f	5.61½-63½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.1 per cent to 26.8 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.65-.55c prem	1.95-1.85c prem
Montreal	.45-.35c prem	1.45-1.30c prem
Amsterdam	3¾-2¾c prem	9-8c prem
Brussels	25-05c prem	70-50c prem
Copenhagen	4½-2½ore prem	11½-9½ore prem
Frankfurt	2-1pf prem	7-6pf prem
Lisbon	50-250c disc	25-525c disc
Milan	par-3lr disc	2-8lr disc
Oslo	1ore prem-1ore disc	2ore prem-par
Paris	½-2½c disc	1-3c disc
Stockholm	1ore prem-1ore disc	2ore prem-par
Vienna	30gro prem-par	70-50gro prem
Zurich	3-2c prem	9-8c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9739-42.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5½-6; seven days, 5¾-6¼; one month, 5¾-6¼; three months, 6½-7; six months, 7¼-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $163 (an ounce); pm, $164. Krugerrand (per coin): $163½-164½ ([illegible]) (domestic); $165½-170½ (£74½-75½) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $50-51 (£22¼-22¾); (new) $50-51 (£22¼-22¾) (international).

Discount market

There was a full supply [of] credit in Lombard Street ye[ster]day and the Bank of Eng[land] eventually decided to "mop [up]" surplus liquidity by selling [a] moderate amount of Treasury [bills] directly to the houses.

Rates were briefly at 8½ [per] cent at the opening but funds [were] plentiful and 6¾ per cent [was] touched in the early aftern[oon]. Closing balances were taken a[t 7] or 7½ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate [illegible]
(Last changed 2/5/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 8 Close 9¼
Week Fixed: 8½-9

Treasury Bills (Dis%) Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅜	2 months	9¼
3 months	9⅜	3 months	9¼

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%)		Trades (Dis%)	
2 months	9½-9¼	3 months	10
3 months	9¾-9½	4 months	10½
4 months	9¾-9½	6 months	10¾
6 months	9¾-9⅝		

Local Authority Bonds			
1 month	10¼-9¾	7 months	10¾-9¾
2 months	10¼-9¾	8 months	10¾-9¾
3 months	10¼-9¾	9 months	11-10½
4 months	10¼-9¾	10 months	11-10½
5 months	10¼-9¾	11 months	11-10½
6 months	10¼-9¾	12 months	11¼-11

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)			
1 month	9⅞-9¾	6 months	10⅛-10
3 months	9⅞-9⅝	12 months	10⅞-10

Local Authority Market (%)			
2 days	9	3 months	9⅞
7 days	9¼-9⅛	6 months	10
1 month	9⅞	1 year	11¼-12

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 8½-8½ Close 9½

1 week	9¼-9⅛	6 months	10⅛-10
1 month	9⅞	9 months	10⅞-10
3 months	9¾-9⅝	12 months	10¾-10

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 10¼ — 6 months 10½
Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1974/75 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9773			
33.6	20.6	Giants	30.0	31.8	4.00
35.0	21.7	Do Accum	31.8	33.5	4.00
30.8	18.2	Growth	27.2	29.0	4.50
32.2	19.0	Do Accum	28.8	30.6	4.50
30.7	20.7	Income	28.0	30.2	8.20
33.3	23.4	Do Accum	31.0	33.2	8.20
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	19.3	20.3	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	10.8	Abbey Capital	19.7	20.9	4.45
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	30.7	32.6	4.31
24.2	11.0	Do Income	22.1	23.8	6.10
25.9	13.4	Do Invest	24.5	26.0	3.92
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd. 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	33.1	Allen Trst*	52.1	56.0	3.85
48.1	24.3	Do Income*	44.1	47.4	6.05
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
52.4	30.1	Allied Capital	48.2	51.5	5.71
50.9	31.4	Do 1st	45.6	49.8	5.36
48.5	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	44.8	47.9e	6.22
27.8	16.2	Growth & Inc	25.5	27.3	5.78
24.2	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	21.3	22.8	6.21
38.9	24.3	Met Min&Cmdty	36.5	39.0	5.36
46.3	29.1	High Income	40.9	43.7	6.87
27.0	16.4	Equity Income	25.1	26.8	6.02
23.3	14.1	International	23.2	24.8e	2.09
39.0	25.0	HighYieldFnd	36.7	38.2	10.47
79.8	43.5	Hambro Fnd	70.9	75.8e	5.86
38.7	22.7	Do Income	34.1	36.6	7.40
81.5	44.3	Do Recovery	71.9	76.9	7.61
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller	15.0	16.1	7.17
20.7	12.3	Do Accum	19.1	20.4	4.96
21.7	13.6	2nd Smaller	19.0	20.4	8.17
43.0	30.4	Secs of America	43.0	45.9e	2.94
128.2	89.5	Exempt Fnd	126.2	134.6	6.01
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 8521			
29.8	25.0	UnicornAmer	29.8	31.9e	2.47
68.4	35.7	Aust Income	46.7	50.4	3.73
79.6	42.2	Do Accum	56.0	60.3	3.73
55.6	27.6	Unicorn Capital	49.7	53.7	4.44
56.2	32.2	Exempt	52.1	56.5e	8.94
19.6	11.1	Extra Income	17.9	19.0e	9.49
50.9	22.4	Financial	45.3	49.0e	4.23
49.3	26.4	Unicorn '500'	42.5	45.5	5.90
21.1	12.0	General	21.6	23.3e	6.35
29.7	14.9	Growth Accum	28.1	28.2	4.50
55.8	30.0	Income	50.4	53.6	7.38
25.2	14.9	Recovery	22.7	24.3	5.48
85.3	44.7	Trustee	77.4	82.3	5.82
46.6	32.4	Worldwide	44.6	47.7	2.90
140.0	96.7	B'ist Inv Fnd	130.4	134.4	6.00
143.0	97.2	Do Accum	133.2	137.3	6.00
		Brandts Ltd. 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	108.0	115.0e	2.01
123.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	118.0	125.0	1.96
120.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	104.0	111.0	7.01
		Bridge Tallisman Fund Manager Ltd. 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
198.0	76.0	B.T. Income (2)	168.0	179.0	8.46
28.0	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	25.8	27.5	2.39
29.3	16.9	Do Cap Acc (2)	26.1	27.8	2.39
80.0	31.0	Do Exempt (2)	79.0	85.0	6.31
20.6	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	12.7	13.6	4.82
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	12.8	13.7	4.82
		The British Life. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
41.4	22.1	British Life	36.8	38.4	5.66
30.0	17.7	Balanced (2)	27.9	29.5	5.07
31.5	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	30.0	31.8	5.58
34.9	19.9	Dividend (2)	26.1	27.6	10.05
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers. Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
158.0	105.1	Brn Ship Inc (1)	144.6	149.6	6.10
279.6	116.9	Do Accum (1)	164.4	169.4	6.10
		Canada Life Assurance. 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts 77 51122			
25.0	13.9	Canlife Gen	25.4	26.9	4.89
[illegible]	17.1	Do Accum	28.3	29.8	4.59
[illegible]	17.7	Income Dist	23.2	24.5e	8.85
22.0	19.1	Do Accum	25.9	27.2	8.85
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd. Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21185			
62.7	34.5	Carliol (8)	57.4	59.9e	3.46
67.7	37.4	Do Accum	63.0	65.5	3.46
		Charities Official Investment. 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
126.3	59.3	Inc* (24)	103.8	..	6.73
180.5	79.6	Accum* (24)	156.3	..	4.64
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd. 1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
20.6	12.2	Int (3)	20.2	21.6	2.35
23.6	13.6	Accum (3)	22.2	23.6	2.35
31.9	20.2	Inc (3)	26.0	27.8	8.93
27.0	19.4	Euro Fin (3)	25.2	27.0	2.40
27.8	13.0	Fund Inv (3)	22.8	24.4	3.49
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
22.9	8.9	Growth Fnd	17.0	18.0	5.31
39.9	25.9	International	37.9	40.6	2.17
31.1	15.7	Reserves Fnd	27.1	29.3	4.79
24.4	14.0	High Dist	32.0	34.3	7.49
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 42-45 South St, Eastbourne. 0323 36711			
61.5	29.7	Commodity	55.5	59.7	3.52
33.1	17.4	Growth	29.4	31.3	2.89
24.1	15.0	Drayton Capital	22.0	23.4	3.27
25.6	22.4	Drayton Inc	32.1	34.2	7.00
64.7	29.0	International	41.8	44.4	2.13
		Equitas Securities Ltd. 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 02774 53169			
52.4	35.6	Progressive	45.8	48.1e	4.24
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815			
47.0	22.5	Equity & Law	43.2	45.4	4.53
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd. Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
52.9	28.6	Capital	47.0	50.0	5.19
46.5	28.0	Income	45.0	47.6e	7.85
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
27.0	12.9	Friends Prov	24.8	26.5e	4.80
32.1	14.6	Do Accum	29.8	30.7	4.80
		Funds in Court. Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
75.0	46.0	Capital*	80.0	81.0	4.98
62.0	42.0	Gross Income*	60.0	61.0	8.25
72.0	43.0	High Yield*	67.0	70.0	8.31
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.6	15.6	G & A	21.5	23.0e	5.68
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd. 16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
55.5	34.0	GT Cap	54.5	58.0	3.30
71.8	38.5	Do Accum	61.3	65.2	3.30
105.0	74.0	Do Income	96.2	102.2	7.00
152.2	84.6	Do US Gen Fnd	146.4	155.7	1.00
179.0	91.9	Do Japan Gen	150.8	160.5	1.00
96.9	85.9	Do Pension Ex	91.4	95.9	3.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers. 2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
34.7	22.7	Gartmore Brit	31.5	33.9	4.63
29.9	[illegible]	Do High Inc	25.9	27.1	12.23
19.5	29.5	Do Overseas	25.8	27.1	1.51
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-621 1031			
67.9	31.5	Guardhill	58.1	62.3	5.24
		Henderson Administration. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. 11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aus Trst	36.5	39.0	7.53
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cabot	45.5	48.3	5.90
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cap Accum	35.7	38.4	4.84
[illegible]	[illegible]	European	33.9	36.3e	3.17
[illegible]	[illegible]	Far East Trst	39.3	42.2	1.97
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial ITU	23.2	24.7e	3.96
[illegible]	[illegible]	Henderson Gr	99.5	104.0e	2.25
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income	29.1	30.9	11.83
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inc & Assets	19.9	21.0	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	23.5	24.0e	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nth American	28.1	40.5	2.82
[illegible]	[illegible]	Oil & Nat Res	25.4	27.0	3.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pers Portfolio	71.0	82.8	4.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	World Wide	62.4	66.5	3.68
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 45 Beech St, EC2P 2LX. 01-628 8011			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Dollar	35.8	[illegible]	2.72
[illegible]	19.2	International	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.72
117.0	52.6	Brit Trst	104.0	111.3	5.16
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brit Guernsey	104.0	111.3	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cap	19.6	21.0	5.64
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fin Trst	[illegible]	23.5	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inc Trst	17.7	19.0	7.87
[illegible]	10.8	High Yield	17.3	18.9e	8.96
[illegible]	19.1	Sec's Trst	35.6	38.1	5.67
		[illegible] Securities Ltd. 1 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH. 031-229 [illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Compound	30.8	32.0	11.17
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	31.6	34.0	11.17
[illegible]	[illegible]	10% Wdraw	[illegible]	22.4	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Preference	[illegible]	21.1	15.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	21.6	24.6	13.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cap	18.4	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aust Group Fnd	11.3	11.9	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	6% Wdraw	10.4	11.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sector Ldrs	20.6	22.3	3.92
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fin & Prop	14.2	15.3	5.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Growth	18.2	20.6	2.31
[illegible]	[illegible]	5th Sea	19.4	20.5	2.25
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commodity	34.3	36.4	5.90
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	31.3	33.2	5.90
38.5	24.2	10% W'draw (5)	34.6	36.7	..

1974/75 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Key Fund Managers. 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
56.5	31.7	Cap Fund	50.0	53.1	4.09
73.1	45.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	69.5	73.7	8.35
56.0	34.3	Inc Fnd	47.8	50.9e	8.04
74.3	41.5	KFIF	59.5	63.0	4.18
		Lawson Securities. 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
34.0	18.6	American Fnd	25.8	27.8	1.90
28.8	21.4	Gilt&Warrant	23.6	25.6	1.74
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Yield Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.60
130.7	84.1	Do Accum	112.6	120.6	13.60
78.7	47.6	Scottish Inc	68.1	73.1	3.70
77.7	47.5	Do Accum	68.9	73.9	3.70
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
46.4	25.8	Distribution	43.2	46.4	5.61
49.4	28.2	Do Accum	48.6	51.4	5.61
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers. 71 Lombard Street, London, EC3. 01-626 1500			
37.9	19.5	1st Income	35.6	38.3	5.24
45.0	27.6	Do Accum	41.5	45.0	5.24
46.6	29.1	2nd Income	38.4	41.3	3.87
49.7	29.2	Do Accum	43.9	47.2	3.87
60.6	33.3	3rd Income	55.4	59.5	7.34
73.2	37.9	Do Accum	66.0	70.9	7.34
		M & G Securities. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
132.1	76.7	M & G General	116.1	123.1	6.00
178.9	103.9	Do Accum	158.4	169.5	6.00
131.8	73.1	2nd Gen	110.8	117.4e	5.31
161.3	95.8	Do Accum	150.5	159.5	5.31
94.6	52.0	Mid & Gen	91.7	97.0e	6.44
129.7	74.2	Do Accum	126.9	134.1	6.44
79.5	38.6	Div Fnd	69.5	74.0e	9.44
121.1	60.8	Do Accum	106.9	113.4	9.44
102.8	62.9	Special Trt	93.4	99.4	4.47
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	91.0	97.4	4.47
239.0	130.4	Magnum Fnd	179.9	190.7	4.47
245.2	145.2	Do Accum	203.1	213.3	4.47
66.9	39.8	FITS	45.4	49.7e	3.32
76.3	45.2	Do Accum	51.3	54.7	3.32
75.0	46.9	Compound	69.8	74.2	3.97
118.9	77.0	Recovery	104.7	111.1	8.81
49.4	24.3	Extra Yield	44.4	47.1e	11.11
64.9	32.4	Do Accum	49.5	52.5	11.11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
52.8	38.4	Euro & Gen	41.3	44.5	3.39
34.3	18.5	American & Gen	33.9	36.1	2.04
56.1	28.3	Australasian	42.3	45.1	2.79
44.1	20.9	Far East Inc	34.0	35.5	3.98
44.1	20.8	Do Accum	34.1	36.3	3.98
130.3	84.3	Trustee Fnd	87.7	93.4e	7.42
150.4	85.2	Do Accum	143.0	152.3	7.42
112.5	56.9	Charifund* (2)	105.0	108.8	7.71
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pension* (1)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	NAACIF	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.85
77.9	47.0	Do Accum	74.4	..	11.85
47.3	30.8	M&GConv	42.5	45.5	1.72
52.9	32.4	Clyde Gen	46.6	51.3e	3.51
55.6	35.1	Do Accum	50.4	54.2	3.51
[illegible]	[illegible]	Clyde High Inc	56.1	60.5	11.97
75.7	43.7	Do Accum	68.4	72.5	11.97
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd. 48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
40.0	26.7	NPI Accum (15)	37.9	39.4	4.36
38.3	18.1	Do Dist (15)	33.1	35.6	4.30
117.9	106.8	Do O'seas Acc	117.0	123.9	4.00
117.0	106.8	Do O'seas Dis	117.0	123.9	4.00
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers. 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. [illegible]			
53.4	30.3	Capital	49.8	53.1e	3.44
[illegible]	31.3	Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
32.0	19.9	Financial	29.6	31.1	4.30
[illegible]	45.9	Growth	73.6	78.6	4.11
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd. 77-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
144.0	123.8	Equity	126.0	134.0e	3.01
116.2	77.4	Income Fund	107.4	114.5e	7.85
99.3	80.0	International	80.6	86.2	2.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Smaller Co's	85.8	91.2	4.75
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
204.3	95.4	Grp Trt Fnd (3)	190.5	200.5	6.93
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 3-5 Norwich Street, EC4. 01-831 6212			
38.8	21.8	Financial	33.1	33.4	4.31
20.8	12.8	General	16.3	17.3e	4.57
38.7	24.3	Growth Accum	33.4	30.2e	5.83
35.1	19.8	Do Income	29.3	26.9e	5.83
[illegible]	14.6	High Income	18.8	19.9	[illegible]
[illegible]	11.0	Investment	19.8	20.0	3.48
[illegible]	13.1	Overseas	24.6	25.6e	3.63
42.0	27.8	Performance	38.3	40.8	4.90
[illegible]	13.3	Progressive	19.9	20.1	6.68
[illegible]	12.3	Recovery	18.9	20.1e	6.57
		Pearl-Montagu Trust Managers Ltd. 214 Old Broad St, GPO Box 323, EC2. 01-588 6464			
19.9	10.2	Growth	17.2	18.5e	4.67
20.7	10.8	Do Accum	18.6	20.1	4.67
[illegible]	15.3	Income	21.0	22.2e	7.81
[illegible]	13.1	Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.86
33.0	17.8	Do Accum	29.9	32.2	4.86
		Pelican Unit Administration. 51 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
35.4	30.2	Pelican	30.0	32.4	6.03
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management. 48 Hart St, Henley on Thames. 04912 6868			
94.5	46.5	Perpetual Grth	87.8	94.5	4.40
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744			
31.0	21.1	Inc & Growth	25.3	27.3	[illegible]
35.3	20.6	Extra Inc	23.7	25.5	10.60
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd. 10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1. [illegible]			
54.1	27.5	Portfolio Cap	35.7	38.6e	6.47
72.9	32.2	Grwth With Inc	45.3	47.7e	9.09
41.5	16.3	Private Port	26.1	28.6	4.57
39.2	33.7	Shenley Port	54.8	59.5	4.30
		Practical Investment Co Ltd. Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
116.1	80.1	Practical Inc	110.7	120.3	3.31
152.7	76.6	Do Accum (3)	143.2	155.5	3.31
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd. 22 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
62.6	30.0	Prolific	59.5	63.2e	2.78
72.1	40.1	Do High Inc	63.1	67.8e	8.13
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers. Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
90.5	46.5	Prudential	78.0	82.5e	5.12
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
33.4	23.6	Opp Accum (2)	32.5	35.6	6.34
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717. Dealings to 01-554 8899. Ersine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351.			
		Ebor Securities.			
54.7	31.9	Universal Grth	52.5	56.0	2.64
45.0	22.7	Capital Accum	40.3	43.2	4.30
41.2	22.0	General	26.9	28.5e	4.83
41.8	21.9	High Return	37.7	40.4	6.60
62.2	41.0	Commodity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
54.1	31.6	Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	20.3	Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
42.7	22.7	Prop & Build	36.0	35.6e	3.71
[illegible]	44.1	Select Grwth (9)	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.50
[illegible]	37.8	Select Inc (9)	71.2	74.4	6.90
197.6	133.5	Comm Pen (3)	162.7	174.1	3.96
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
29.5	17.7	Capital	28.9	[illegible]	2.07
[illegible]	35.9	Financial Secs	[illegible]	60.7e	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Investment	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Euro Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	US Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
72.8	19.2	Income	[illegible]	31.7	[illegible]
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
42.3	[illegible]	Scotbits	32.0	34.1	4.56
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotyields	[illegible]	37.9	7.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotgrowth	[illegible]	40.4	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotshares	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotfunds	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sc Minerals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Ltd. 120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-248 3999			
[illegible]	40.1	Capital (3)	69.4	71.6e	3.30
[illegible]	44.6	Do Accum	78.6	81.3	3.30
[illegible]	53.2	Income (3)	[illegible]	101.3e	8.76
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	131.0	8.76
[illegible]	[illegible]	General (3)	45.2	47.0	4.49
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	51.3	53.4	4.49
[illegible]	[illegible]	Europe (3)	32.4	33.5e	2.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	34.3	37.0	2.73
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd. 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
39.7	25.0	Equitable	34.3	37.2	6.40
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd. Jessel Britannia Group. 3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 4236 Ext 605			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jessel Exempt	[illegible]	71.7e	9.36
41.0	19.2	Do Extra Inc	26.8	27.9	10.61
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do High Inc	21.0	22.6e	11.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do City of Ldn	[illegible]	37.5	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Gold & G	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Invest	[illegible]	25.2	4.44
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do New Issue	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Prop & Ig	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jt Int Cons	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd. 3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. [illegible]			
62.5	35.7	Growth	55.3	59.4e	5.59
[illegible]	[illegible]	Assets	47.3	50.5	7.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	Capital Accum	34.1	36.5	4.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cap Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	Far East Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial	34.3	36.7e	4.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	General Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.90
53.4	31.2	Global Grth	42.5	[illegible]	3.13
55.8	33.0	High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

1974/75 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
47.6	27.6	Income Units	39.5	42.6	6.84
47.7	29.4	Plant & Gen	35.8	38.6	6.78
434.5	259.1	Professional	385.1	398.1e	4.76
21.3	12.8	Status Change	18.2	19.5	7.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	Minerals Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	34.8	North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
41.6	23.8	Century	38.6	39.6	4.50
66.4	41.4	Net High Inc	55.8	60.0	8.47
31.7	19.2	Investors Gen	26.0	28.5	5.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Provident Inv	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scot Units	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Shield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
68.5	44.3	Bank Ins & Fin	56.7	61.0	3.95
[illegible]	40.1	Commodity Shre	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	Domestic	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
41.9	28.0	Hundred Secs	37.7	40.6e	5.56
		National Group. 35 Norwich St, EC4. [illegible]			
41.0	24.3	Comm Cons	32.7	35.2	4.37
56.8	34.9	Gas Ind Power	46.0	49.5	4.55
43.2	21.7	Invest Sec Gen	38.5	41.5	4.91
43.4	26.7	National Cons	38.8	41.3e	5.12
141.4	82.3	Do Unit 'D'	129.3	139.3e	4.02
39.0	21.7	Nufits	36.1	38.3	5.18
[illegible]	31.5	Natural Res	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	34.6	Security First	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	25.0	Shamrock	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
97.9	54.9	Universal 2nd	84.2	90.6	4.65
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers. 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
58.6	36.6	American	47.9	51.0	2.67
100.0	57.0	British Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd. Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
118.0	100.0	Exempt Eq Tst	118.0	124.0	4.77
		73-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
74.3	46.9	Family Fund	62.8	67.9	4.10
		Target Trust Managers Ltd. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
[illegible]	32.1	Consumer	22.3	23.8e	4.94
[illegible]	31.4	Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Re-invest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Investment	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Professional (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Preference	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd. 19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
29.2	14.6	Eagle	22.1	23.8e	3.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	Thistle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
44.6	27.9	Claymore Fnd	40.3	42.6	[illegible]
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
31.7	15.6	General	28.2	30.1	4.18
37.0	17.5	Do Accum	32.3	34.6	4.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scottish	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Transatlantic & General Securities. 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
66.9	31.3	Barbican (4)	58.8	62.3	5.29
84.0	41.0	Do Accum	78.2	83.4	5.29
[illegible]	100.0	Barrington Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
71.8	44.7	Buckingham (4)	68.9	72.1e	3.65
75.7	49.2	Do Accum	70.1	73.6	3.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	Colemco	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cumberland Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Endeavour	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Glen Fund (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	G'chester* (5)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ldn & Bruss'ls	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Marlborough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Merlin (1)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Merlin Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Vanguard (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wickmoor	46.5	48.7	5.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	50.0	52.4	5.80
		Trident Funds. (Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.) 140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
22.0	18.7	Performance	16.0	17.3e	4.89
39.0	21.5	Income Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
33.3	18.4	10% Withdrwl	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
51.0	23.7	Int Growth	47.1	50.1	2.84
28.8	21.2	AmerGrwth	28.8	30.6	..
24.6	20.0	Nil Yield Fnd	24.6	26.2	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
82.6	42.2	Income	72.2	76.0	7.71
123.0	65.8	Do Accum	113.0	118.8	7.71
101.8	52.6	Capital	83.8	88.0	4.20
122.6	66.4	Do Accum	107.4	112.8	4.20
[illegible]	34.6	Canynge Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.86
103.4	38.4	Do Accum	70.4	74.0	4.86
[illegible]	43.0	Exempt*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
103.4	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Local Auth*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	44.6	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
194.6	100.2	Int Earn Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.46
197.4	100.2	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.46
		Tyndall National & Commercial. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
114.6	66.4	Income (23)	103.8	108.0	6.27
136.6	80.9	Do Accum	126.4	132.4	6.27
102.8	52.2	Capital (23)	89.2	93.4	4.14
113.2	58.6	Do Accum	101.2	105.8	4.14
		Unit Trust Account & Management. 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
95.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	95.0	101.0	6.12
28.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	16.5	17.8	7.21
23.9	8.7	Do Overseas	13.4	14.5	7.69

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1974/75 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd. 1-3 St Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX. 01-248 9111			
37.3	15.6	Equity Fund (3)	27.7	29.4	..
28.4	13.2	Do Accum (3)	21.4	22.9	..
155.5	94.4	Prop Fund (27)	108.3	112.9	..
141.9	89.2	Do Accum (27)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
71.1	31.8	Select Fund (3)	59.8	63.3	..
105.4	100.0	Conv Fund	105.4	111.4	..
99.9	100.0	Money Fund	99.9	105.6	..
142.4	94.2	Pension Prop (27)	107.4	114.0	..
63.2	37.3	Do Select (3)	53.7	57.1	..
100.9	100.0	Do Security	101.1	108.1	..
108.1	100.0	Do Managed	108.2	112.3	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd. 31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
93.6	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	95.6	100.6	..
96.6	100.0	Do Accum	96.6	101.6	..
121.4	100.0	Equity Fnd	121.4	127.6	..
128.5	100.0	Do Accum	122.4	129.3	..
107.5	100.0	Property Fnd	95.9	101.0	..
96.9	100.0	Do Accum	94.8	101.9	..
97.1	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	97.1	102.2	..
98.0	100.0	Do Accum	98.0	103.2	..
117.1	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	113.6	119.6	..
117.6	100.0	Do Accum	114.3	120.4	..
96.5	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	96.5	101.5	..
97.5	100.0	Do Accum	97.5	102.6	..
97.0	100.0	Property Pen	96.9	102.0	..
97.8	100.0	Do Accum	97.8	103.0	..
98.1	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	98.1	103.3	..
99.2	100.0	Do Accum	99.3	104.4	..
123.1	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	118.1	124.4	..
123.3	100.0	Do Accum	119.6	125.8	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd. 3 Pavilion Bldgs, Brighton, BN1 1EE. 0273 31917			
107.5	100.0	Triad Man Bond	107.5	113.5	..
		Atlantic Assurance. Atlantic Hse, Billingshurst, Sussex. 040-381 3451			
108.7	102.0	All-Weather Ac	108.7	114.4	..
107.2	102.4	Do Capital	107.2	112.8	..
112.0	97.0	Investment Fnd	112.0	..	..
108.0	100.0	Pension Fnd	97.0	..	..
102.4	102.4	Conv Pension Fd	..	102.4	..
102.4	102.4	Mon Pension Fd	..	102.4	..
102.4	102.4	Prop Pension Fd	..	102.4	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co. Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. [illegible]			
84.1	66.0	Barclaybonds	81.6	86.0	..
		Canada Life Assurance. Canada Hse, High St, Potters Bar, Herts. 77 51122			
46.4	24.9	Equity Growth	45.0	..	..
104.1	81.5	Retirement	104.3	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd. 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
12.05	7.79	Equity Units £	11.32	..	..
[illegible]	67.0	Do Annuity	[illegible]	..	..
77.9	48.0	Do Annuity	72.0	..	..
999.0	779.0	Prop Units	731.0	..	..
962.0	826.0	Do Accum	824.0	..	..
9.51	7.94	Exec Bal £	9.45	..	..
8.15	5.65	Exec Equity £	7.66	..	..
11.35	9.25	Exec Prop £	9.69	..	..
9.95	8.40	Bal Bond £	9.45	10.60	..
8.15	5.35	Equity Bond £	7.66	8.11	..
11.35	10.00	Prop Bond £	9.65	10.31	..
9.64	7.84	Bal Units £	9.46	..	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9644. Valuation last working day of month.			
73.1	64.8	1st Units	70.0	73.5	..
30.9	25.5	Prop Units	34.8	46.5	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9644. Valuation first working day of month.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	43.1	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Land Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Speculator	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Prop Annuity	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inv Option Bnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..

1974/75 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		2nd Managed Fund.			
121.1	98.9	Performance	129.7	..	..
119.0	113.2	Balanced	119.0	125.5	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group. St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
34.1	18.1	Variable An Acc.	31.9	..	..
18.6	10.2	Do Ann.	18.1	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance. 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410. Valuation 15th of month.			
[illegible]	63.2	Capital Fnd	101.5	..	..
46.5	28.0	GS Special	39.6	..	..
119.5	85.0	Man Grwth (23)	117.0	123.5	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co. Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
113.0	91.3	Crown Bnt Inv.	113.0	..	..
		Crusader Insurance. Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031. Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
61.8	56.8	Crusader Prop	61.2	65.6	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance. PO Box 173, N.L.A. Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.7	23.5	Eagle Units	37.7	39.5	5.96
40.7	23.5	Midland Units	37.7	39.5	5.96
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd. 30 Charles II St, SW1. 01-930 2494			
48.5	31.5	Am Grth Fnd (1)	42.6	46.1	..
33.4	16.8	Flexible Fnd	23.4	24.6	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inv Tst Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
48.6	33.5	Do Cap	46.1	48.6	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
101.8	98.9	Property Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Hambro Life Assurance. 7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fixed Int Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Managed Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pen Prop Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pen Man Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pen FI Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society. Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	29.5	Prop Bond	29.3	31.1	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd. NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
159.5	121.8	HS Prop Units	119.1	125.1	..
115.2	100.0	Fortune Man (5)	108.7	114.4	..
102.0	100.0	Money Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd. 114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
54.7	27.3	Hodge Bonds	42.8	45.1	..
54.4	40.0	Takeover	51.4	54.1	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hodge Life Eq	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mortgage Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv High Yld	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Overseas Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada. Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255			
49.8	36.3	Growth Fnd (8)	46.6	50.8	..
41.6	38.5	Pension Fnd	41.8	45.2	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd. 45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 36721			
102.0	98.0	Equities	95.8	100.9	..
114.9	105.5	Fixed Int.	118.0	124.3	..
114.4	95.4	Managed	111.3	117.2	..
104.4	100.0	Property	104.7	110.2	..
109.9	100.0	Money Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	King & Shaxson	112.4	114.7	..
104.6	95.2	Commodity	94.4	99.4	..
100.6	97.4	Growth	92.5	97.4	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
120.5	100.0	International	112.1	118.1	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance. 9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 5897			
107.9	59.5	Lion Equity	84.7	..	..
[illegible]	60.0	Do Accum	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	58.2	Lion Man Grwth	[illegible]	53.6	..
61.8	43.4	Do Cap	44.1	46.6	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Lion Prop Fnd	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	46.1	Lion High Yield	[illegible]	..	..
111.8	81.8	Do Equity Pen	111.5	..	..
[illegible]	54.7	Do Prop Pen	[illegible]	..	..
70.6	52.9	Do H Yld Pen	64.4	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance. 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
157.9	142.4	Prop Modules	136.9	144.1	5.36
[illegible]	142.4	Do Grwth (31)	136.9	144.1	..
129.8	100.0	Managed Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
65.6	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	52.5	55.3	4.70
		Langham Life Assurance. Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8581			
[illegible]	105.6	Property Bond	103.2	108.6	..
30.8	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	21.5	22.6	..
84.2	43.5	Midas Bond (34)	47.2	49.7	..
84.2	41.2	Capital Accum	47.2	..	..
55.9	52.9	WISP (SpecMan)	55.9	58.9	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd. 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
29.0	21.5	Secure Rel	29.0	31.0	..
30.5	18.0	Select Inv	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
23.0	18.0	Do 2nd	19.0	20.5	..
23.0	19.5	Gilt Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
24.0	15.5	Equity Fnd	19.0	20.5	..
100.5	100.0	Deposit Fnd	100.5	105.5	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd. 12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
138.6	100.0	Mult Grwth Fnd	..	138.6	..
[illegible]	69.3	Opt 4 Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
103.2	100.0	Do Property	103.2	108.7	..
[illegible]	94.7	Do High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
101.8	100.0	Do Deposit	[illegible]	107.0	..
[illegible]	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	100.0	Do Equity Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	100.0	Do FI Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	100.0	Do Man Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
104.4	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	104.4	109.9	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance. Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
23.9	17.2	Manulife (5)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance. 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
109.6	102.7	ConvDepBnd	109.6	..	..
[illegible]	100.0	Do Pension	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Bond	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Pension	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Managed Bond	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Pension	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Money Market	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	100.0	Do Pension	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property Bond	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Pension	[illegible]	..	..
		M & G Assurance. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
97.9	59.8	Equity Bond (4)	90.3	94.4	..
[illegible]	41.6	Do Bonus	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
82.5	49.4	Int'l Bnd (4)	68.1	71.6	..
[illegible]	66.9	Fam Bnd 1979	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	65.9	Do 1977/80	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	70.7	Do 1981/86	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	67.5	Managed Bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	27.4	Mirror Bonds	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	84.7	Pers Pen (5)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	103.4	Prop Fnd (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
126.6	99.7	Norwich Man (3)	122.7	129.2	..
[illegible]	90.1	Do Equity (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	100.0	Do Prop (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	99.8	Do Fix Int (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	64.3	Do Units (38)	[illegible]	..	..
		Pearl-Montagu Assurance. 252 High Holborn, London. 01-588 6464			
105.6	98.8	Prop Units	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Phoenix Assurance. 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
85.3	58.9	Wealth Ass Bnd	78.2	82.5	..
52.2	35.8	Ebor Ass (31)	52.2	..	..
52.7	39.0	Ebor Endow (32)	52.1	54.9	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co. 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
173.2	142.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	145.4	..	..
112.0	100.0	Do Bal Ag Bnd	109.9	..	..
100.5	99.8	Do Series (2)	97.5	..	..
93.1	61.2	Do Managed	70.4	..	..
102.7	67.8	Do Equity Bnd	72.2	..	..
113.7	100.0	Do Flex Mny	113.7	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance. 111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. [illegible]			
[illegible]	141.5	Prop Grwth (25)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	AG Bond (29)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Abb Nat PG (29)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Shepley Inv (29)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	100.0	Do Equity	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	100.0	Do Money	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ret Annuity (29)	[illegible]	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Immed Ann (29)	[illegible]	..	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd. Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
17.22	8.31	Equity £	14.70	15.16	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fixed Int £	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
19.40	16.40	Property £	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd. Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
170.1	134.6	Rel Prop Bnd	140.6	..	..
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bal Bnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Bnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mint Bnd (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
124.3	100.0	Prop Fnd (30)	[illegible]	[illegible]	..

1974/75 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer
		Schroder Life Group. 18-24 Maltravers St, WC2. [illegible]		
96.6	100.0	Deposit Bnd (5)	96.6	101.6
101.9	100.0	Fixed Interest	101.4	106.8
93.3	62.8	Flexible Fnd	90.4	95.1
153.1	87.1	Equity Fnd	139.7	147.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do 2nd Ser	[illegible]	[illegible]
123.1	100.0	PenFndCap	128.8	[illegible]
[illegible]	100.0	PenFndAccum	[illegible]	[illegible]
96.8	100.0	Prop Fnd (3)	96.8	101.7
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance. 9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh.		
276.7	165.1	Inv Policy	276.7	[illegible]
		Standard Life Assurance Co. PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. [illegible]		
91.9	41.8	Unit Endowm't	91.9	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd. 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. [illegible]		
134.1	70.7	Maple Leaf (3)	128.7	..
136.8	102.2	Personal Pens	124.6	..
		Target Life Assurance. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. [illegible]		
100.3	100.0	Deposit Inc	100.3	[illegible]
107.4	86.2	Fixed Interest	105.3	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund Man Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Income	[illegible]	[illegible]
130.0	98.0	Prop Bnd Inv	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Income	[illegible]	[illegible]
143.0	89.0	Do Accum	102.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ret Ann Pen Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Trident Life. Renslade Hse, Gloucester. [illegible]		
107.2	81.0	Trident Man	104.8	[illegible]
118.1	93.5	Do Guar Man	115.7	[illegible]
107.0	102.0	Do Property	107.0	[illegible]
90.0	58.3	Do Equity	81.7	[illegible]
110.9	90.9	Do High Yield	110.0	115.9
102.7	100.0	Do Money	102.7	108.3
100.5	100.0	DoFiscalFnd	100.5	106.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
90.30	82.10	Gilt Edged (t)	90.10	..
		Tyndall Assurance. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 [illegible]		
146.4	79.4	Prop Fnd (19)	84.6	..
126.8	78.4	3 Way Fnd (19)	97.5	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd. 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. [illegible]		
145.6	73.0	Equity Fnd	132.9	[illegible]
108.8	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	105.8	[illegible]
103.2	100.0	Property Fnd	103.2	[illegible]
99.9	93.6	Cash Fund	99.9	[illegible]
[illegible]	72.9	Managed Fnd	97.6	[illegible]
		Welfare Insurance. The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. [illegible]		
123.5	100.0	Capital Grwth	124.7	..
94.4	71.7	Flexible Fnd	78.4	..
100.3	81.5	Inv Fnd	98.6	..
113.9	73.4	Prop Fnd	113.9	..
98.7	73.9	Money Maker	74.5	..

Offshore and International Funds

1974/75 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer
		Abacus Arbuthnot Unit Trust Managers 1 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. [illegible]		
87.0	58.7	Red Part Pref	80.0	[illegible]
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. [illegible]		
99.6	60.3	Europ'n Star	93.5	[illegible]
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd. Church St, St Helier, Jersey. [illegible]		
43.7	37.7	Jer Guer O'seas	43.5	[illegible]
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) 30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M.		
58.1	34.8	Aust Ext Tst	49.9	[illegible]
22.8	13.0	Aust Min Tst	19.5	[illegible]
50.4	40.0	Isle of Man Tst	47.9	[illegible]
43.0	16.7	Manx Mutual	22.9	[illegible]
		Brandts & Grindley (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 60, Broad St, St Helier.		
148.0	76.0	Brandt Jersey	102.0	112
159.0	88.0	Do Accum	122.0	133
		Brandts Ltd. 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. [illegible]		
70.84	53.23	O'seas Fnd $	68.14	[illegible]
		Calvin Bullock Ltd. 60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. [illegible]		
814.0	635.0	Bullock Fnd	768.9	[illegible]
631.0	518.0	Canadian Fnd	601.0	[illegible]
297.0	238.0	Canadian Inv	256.9	[illegible]
207.0	140.0	Div Shares	202.0	[illegible]
728.0	469.0	Ny Venture Fnd	712.0	[illegible]
		Charterhouse Japhet. 1 Paternoster Row, EC4. [illegible]		
31.90	24.30	Adiropa DM	29.50	[illegible]
33.70	28.20	Adiverba DM	31.60	[illegible]
33.90	25.50	Fondak DM	31.00	[illegible]
24.10	18.90	Fondis DM	23.50	[illegible]
68.50	38.00	Gen O'seas Swfr	44.00	[illegible]
69.25	56.30	Hispano $	63.21	[illegible]
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd. PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, [illegible]		
151.0	91.0	Int Cap Man (20)	151.0	[illegible]
		Ebor Management (Jersey). 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. [illegible]		
194.4	111.5	Channel Cap	174.9	[illegible]
102.8	66.6	Channel Isles	92.8	[illegible]
		Eurosyndicat Group. Agents: N. M. Rothschild and Sons, New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4. [illegible]		
1,772	1,382	Eurunion Luxfr	1,657	[illegible]
539.0	253.0	Fin Union Luxfr	[illegible]	[illegible]
		First General Unit Managers. 91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4		
[illegible]	34.2	Bnk T 1st Gen (3)	47.8	[illegible]
116.8	100.3	Do Gilt (2)	113.4	[illegible]
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd. PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. [illegible]		
115.9	62.9	Channel Isle	115.9	[illegible]
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd. 45 South St, Eastbourne BN21 4UT. [illegible]		
106.5	100.0	Foreign Fix Int	106.5	[illegible]
105.6	100.0	Do Equity	99.8	[illegible]
		Kayanday Bermuda Management Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, [illegible]		
1.41	1.15	Bishopsgate N.A.	1.41	[illegible]
		Lamont Investment Management 8 St Georges St, Douglas, I.O.M. [illegible]		
25.0	17.6	Int Income (3)	22.1	[illegible]
		Manx International Management 30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M.		
123.8	87.0	Gtr Pacific	115.4	[illegible]
40.6	34.5	Manx Int Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
102.1	71.1	Sch Growth (27)	73.7	[illegible]
		M & G Group. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. [illegible]		
56.6	33.8	Island Fnd †	50.4	[illegible]
130.5	76.1	Do Accum †	101.8	[illegible]
1.68	1.23	Atlantic Exp $	1.79	[illegible]
2.26	1.10	Aust & Gen $	1.46	[illegible]
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd. PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. [illegible]		
45.4	36.6	Old Ct Eq (34)	42.3	[illegible]
100.8	85.9	Old Ct Int (35)	99.7	[illegible]
102.3	84.1	Smaller Co's	102.3	[illegible]
		Oliver Heath & Co. 31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M. [illegible]		
109.5	81.9	Brit Conv Tst	105.0	[illegible]
116.8	100.0	Conv Rights Tst	116.3	[illegible]
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. [illegible]		
144.3	119.0	Gib Inv Tst	119.3	[illegible]
125.6	76.1	Key City Inv	107.3	[illegible]
78.1	24.9	Warrant Fnd	69.9	[illegible]
		Slater Walker (Jersey). 3-8 Church St, St Helier, Jersey. [illegible]		
236.8	135.7	Growth Inv	223.6	[illegible]
67.3	43.0	Int'l Fnd	57.0	[illegible]
139.1	100.0	Jersey Energy	135.6	[illegible]
		Stellar Unit Trust Managers Ltd Victory Hse, Prospect Hill, Douglas, I.O.M.		
55.9	27.9	Growth (10)	54.5	[illegible]
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd. PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.		
1.03	0.43	Gilshore $	0.53	[illegible]
		Tyndall Overseas Funds Managers PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.		
1.37	0.91	Overseas $	1.15	[illegible]
1.53	1.12	Do Accum $	1.48	[illegible]
		Tyndall Managers (Jersey) Ltd. 43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey.		
10.60	8.65	Overseas Str £	7.05	[illegible]
12.45	7.80	Do Accum £	9.05	..

e Ex dividend. * Not available to the public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. w Ex all. c Dealings suspended. [illegible] divided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, [illegible] (5) July 2, (6) June 31; (10) June 30, (14) July 2, (15) July 8, (16) July 8, [illegible] of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, [illegible] month, (24) 1st Tuesday of month, (25) [illegible] Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last [illegible] month, (30) 3rd working day of month, (31) [illegible] month, (32) 1st day of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, [illegible] Last working day of month, (35) 15th of a [illegible] (36) of month, (37) 21st of each month, (38) 2nd Wednesday of month (39) [illegible] month.

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The Times Share Indices for 25 06 75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959).—

	Index No.	Div. Yield	Earnings Yield	Index No.
	Latest	%	%	Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	152.96	7.22	14.22	151.82
Largest Cos.	138.12	6.85	13.84	136.88
Smaller Cos.	139.09	8.12	15.86	134.24
Capital Goods	133.43	7.16	16.49	132.11
Consumer Goods	153.45	7.04	12.98	151.26
Share Shares	216.98	7.59	8.19	216.27
Largest financial shares	173.61	5.36	—	176.92
Largest financial and industrial shares	140.55	6.68	—	139.57
Commodityshares	234.82	4.49	13.33	230.50
Gold Mining shares	665.85	4.78	7.35	660.93
Industrial debenture stocks	76.02	8 18*	—	75.95
Industrial preferencestocks	45.91	13.90*	—	45.43
3½% War Loan	24½	14.28*	—	24½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below.—

	High	Low
All-time	188.47 (15.08.72)	69.18 (19.12.74)
1975	150.16 (05.06.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	90.18 (12.12.74)
1973	188.83 (15.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	188.47 (15.08.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
1970	145.78 (14.01.70)	110.76 (26.05.70)

* Flat interest yield.

a Ex dividend. b Ex all. h Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. k Did for company. n Pre-merger figures. o Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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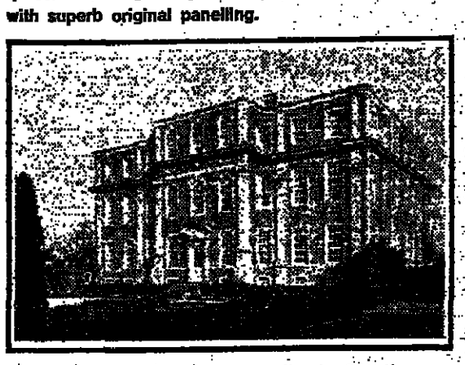

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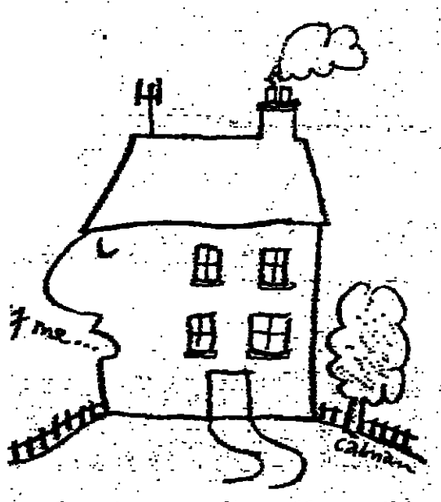

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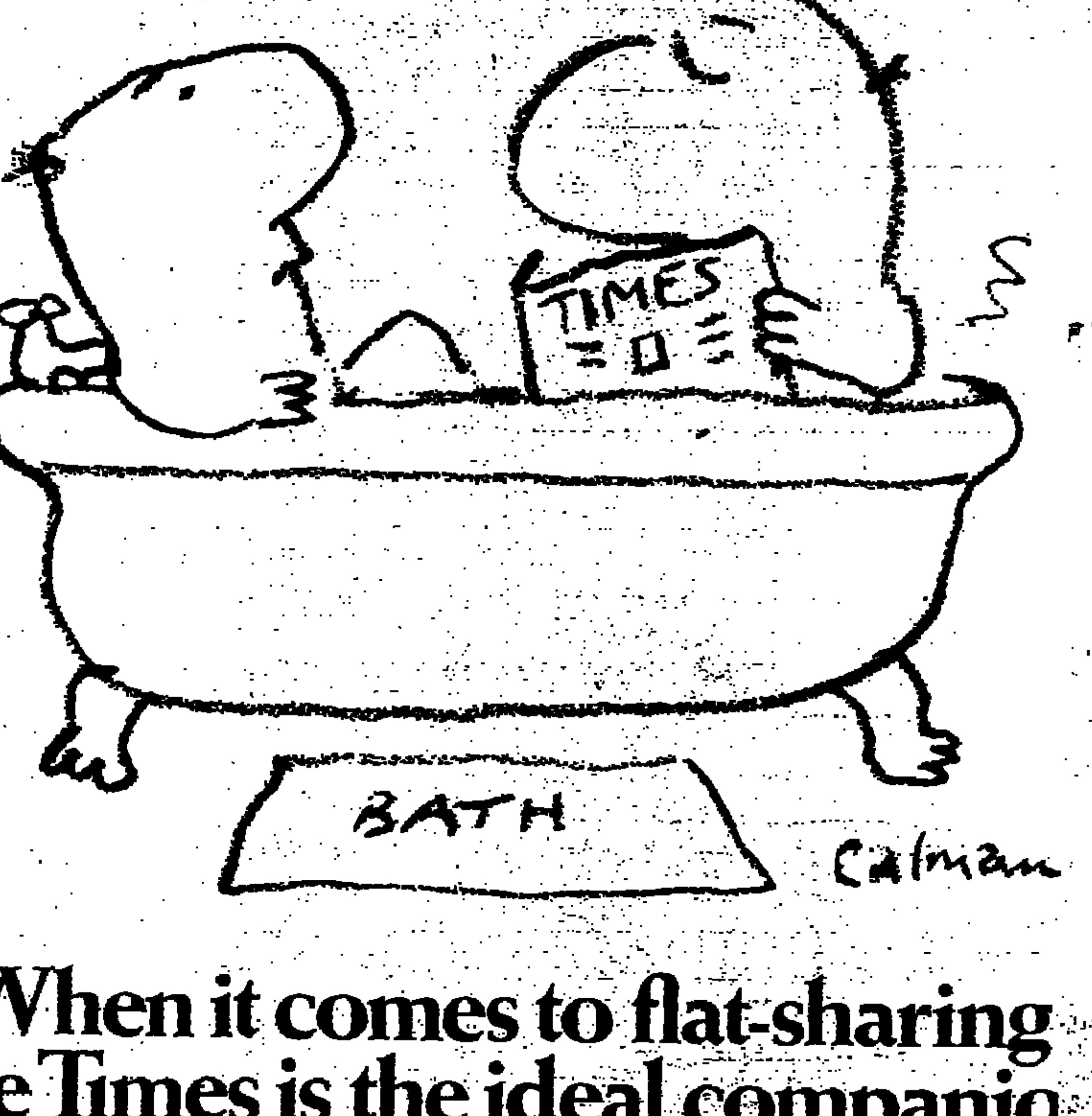

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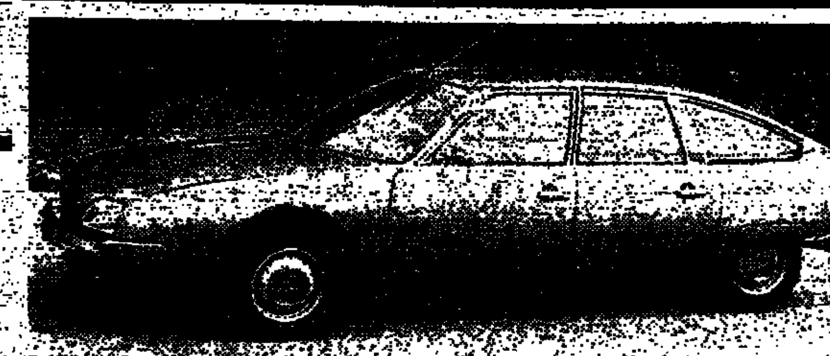

Citroen's "Car of the Year", the CX, which goes on sale in Britain early next month.

: big saloon, the CX, had ; experts reaching for their ves when it was launched on inent last summer and it went voted "Car of the Year" by a nargin over its nearest rival, swagen Golf.

new Citroën is an event, partly the company changes models ldom but more because of reputation as a technical . The DS, which the new car was years ahead of its time d handling when it was intro 1955, while the GS set new for small cars and still beats advanced design.

X, which goes on sale in at the beginning of next s unlikely to have quite the pact. It draws heavily on odels, taking its body style GS and the Maserati-engined its engines, suspension and ystem from the DS. So the alue is much less. The quality market is also extremely com nd the CX comes up against ther fine cars, even those of old design such as the Audi eugeot 504.

is nothing wrong of course ing features from other cars. nay look like a "stretched" ven so its low, elegant wedge ew several admiring looks y test run and I was even lown in the Old Kent Road. ces, by someone who wanted e how beautiful it looked. igh-pressure braking system, tomatically compensates for ansfer, is still one of the g an instant and progressive at the merest touch.

ydropneumatic self-levelling has also been in existence ars but familiarity continues admiration: it produces an ally comfortable ride, smooth- umps as if they were not n undulating country lanes it a little too soft and liable p a bouncing action, even my head against the roof. for a sleek design, Citroën ft much headroom for a tall

ndling has the softish feel Citroën, with some roll on d a tendency towards under- squealing tyres when pushed d. The car's excellent road- asures that there is nothing in that, although some d passengers may prefer a e. The steering is definitely avy side, and low-geared as the gear change could be

has always made excellent ace, and with the exception droom the CX is no excep- ting the engine transversely ake room for the passenger nt, and the car will take up comfort, with ample leg e back. The seats are in ith the comfort of the ride, acking lateral support; they -and-reach adjustment and . The boot is generous, with rd lip to negotiate, though it s surprising that a full tail- ot provided; it would go very the fastback styling.

The unique feature of the car is its switchgear layout. There has been a tremendous improvement in the siting of minor controls such as traffic indicators and windscreen wipers in recent years, and most new cars now have them on stalks attached to the steering wheel, at the driver's finger-tips. There they are a safety factor as well as a convenience. The CX takes the process a stage further. Two thick stubs come out from the fascia just behind the steering wheel, each covered with switches, which Citroën calls "piano keys".

With his left hand the driver "plays" the indicators, horn, windscreen wash and wipe and the hazard warning lights; with the right the rest of the lights, including a dipper and headlamp flasher. It is the best arrangement I have encountered. Another novelty is the speedometer which gives its readings on a revolving drum lit from behind. Instead of the usual two wipers, the screen is cleared by a single large blade. The familiar (for Citroën) single-spoke steering wheel ensures an unobstructed view of the instrument panel, which has an impressive row of warning lights.

The CX 2000 (the 2200, with a bigger engine, will be available in September) is powered by the four-cylinder 1985cc pushrod engine, *driving the front* wheels, from the DS. Acceleration through the gear, with a 0 to 60 mph time of about 12 seconds, is average for a two-litre car but I could have done with more power for overtaking in top gear. Against that, the car will cruise sweetly at near to 100 mph. Others have praised the quietness of the engine, so I must have been unlucky; I was a little surprised by the amount of wind and road noise. My overall fuel consumption figure of 24 mpg is, again, about average for the size of car.

There is a powerful heater, but unless the rather noisy fan was used to boost it I found the ventilation system unequal to the recent hot weather. Well-fitted cloth upholstery and carpet give the interior an air of luxury, and the standard equipment includes heated rear window, reversing lights, clock and cigar lighter and inertia-reel seatbelts. At £3,195, the CX is competitively priced and Citroën addicts will not be disappointed.

Children in danger

Pedestrians account for two fifths of deaths on the road, and the highest casualty rate is among children aged between five and nine. The emotional as well as the material cost of accidents involving young children is too obvious to require comment. The question is what can be done to reduce that appalling toll.

Miss Lynne Drabble, a student of Eastbourne College of Education, who studied the subject for her degree, has sent me a summary of her findings. Her main conclusions are that a child's capacity to cope with traffic is entirely different from an adult's; that young children are more at risk when crossing the road than is usually realized; and that road safety propaganda is often aimed over their heads.

She says: "Adults tend to expect a child to perceive a traffic situation in the same way as they themselves do; but it is apparent that young children are very vulnerable on roads, frequently misinterpreting situations and acting impulsively".

She found that children were bad at assessing the speed of a vehicle and distance; they assumed for instance, that a car could stop instantly.

She criticizes road safety education material for *using concepts not understood* by the child. In particular she questions the effectiveness of the language used in the Green Cross Code, the official guidance to children for crossing the road. She feels it should carry a rider to the effect that "no young child is safe on the road".

Miss Drabble's reservations about the code have been endorsed by the Government's Transport and Road Research Laboratory. A survey carried out among nearly 600 children aged between seven and 15 found that most had difficulty in saying what was in the code, and not one could repeat it in full, despite the fact that it was carefully worded so that young children could understand it.

The laboratory recommended better publicity and education. The current poster campaign featuring such schoolboy heroes as Kevin Keegan and Joe Bugner with big green crosses on their T-shirts may have some effect, though the real impetus must surely come in the home and the classroom.

Fiat's hatchback

Explaining that there is no longer much demand for an aggressive, sporty car, Fiat has replaced the 128 Sport with a three-door development, the 128 3P. *In* fact (Stuart Marshall writes) the new car has the 128 Sport's mechanical units, although the engine's compression ratio has been raised, benefiting fuel consumption by up to 8 per cent without demanding higher octane petrol.

The new model looks uncannily like a small-cale Lancia Beta HPE (this column, last week) and is offered with 1,116cc or 1,290cc engines, mounted crosswise and driving the front wheels. Right-hand drive models will be shown at Earls Court in October and go on sale soon afterwards. No prices have been fixed.

The 128 3P's aerodynamics are said to be better than the old 128 Sport's. When I tried a 1,116cc version in Italy last week, I was impressed by the lack of wind noise at an indicated 165 km/h (102 mph) flat out. The engine, too, was subdued, although the revolution counter needle was in the yellow at 6,500 rpm.

The ride is good, with no tyre noise or thump to speak of, and handling is nimble. For a coupé only 12ft 6in long, leg room in the back is surprisingly good; lowering the rear seat provides a luggage platform 4ft 3in long.

Peter Waymark

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for the big ones. War and Peace, the massive Tolstoy epic, comes to BBC1 feature-film lengths to replace the 20 shorter episodes of BBC2 (BBC1 9.25). Jacques Cousteau encounters elephant seals (BBC1 8.10) while for the n's Blue Peter it is crocodiles on the Ivory Coast (BBC1 4.50). Gwen d stars in the last of the Yorkshire trilogy on human dilemmas (ITV 9.0). live meets some lively women in a programme on equal pay (BBC2 9.50). he Royal Palace, Stockholm, is worth a visit (ITV 10.30).—L.B.

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BBC 2

7.05-7.53 am, Open University: EEC—Regional Policy. 7.30, The Suburban Family: Chicago. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 2.00 pm, Wimbledon Tennis.

7.30 Newsday.

7.55 Sir Mortimer and Magnus: The Genius of Flinders Petrie.

8.10 Looking for Clancy, part 5.

9.00 Match of the Day from Wimbledon.

9.50 Man Alive: We're women—but we're workers, with Harold Williamson.

10.40 Gardeners' World.

11.05 News Extra.

11.25-11.30, Closedown: John Westbrook reads The Way Through the Woods, by Rudyard Kipling.

Granada

10.30 am, Spiderman. 10.50, It's Fun to Read. 11.00, The Magic of Music. 11.15, Film, Impact, with Conrad Phillips. 12.05 pm, Untamed World. 12.30, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 2.30, Film, Isn't Life Wonderful, with Cecil Parker. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.15, Dodo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Rock on with 45. 7.05, Combat. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Report Extra. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20, Homicide.

Ulster

12.45 pm, Thames. 2.30, Film, Murder at the Gallop, with Margaret Rutherford, Robert Morley. 3.55, About Britain. 4.23, Ulster News. 4.25, Lost in Space. 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Summer Reports. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. 11.00, What's It All About.

Yorkshire

12.45 pm, Thames. 2.30, The Couple Takes a Wife. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, Rock on 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, The Persuaders. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Calendar People. 11.00, Barnaby Jones.

Border

12.45 pm, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, TV Movie. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, The Rovers. 4.50, Junior Library. 5.05, Cartoon. 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Mevin' On. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Gardening Today. 11.00, Mauds. 11.30, Border News.

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12.40 pm, Starting Point. 12.45, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, The Couple Takes a Wife. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. at Six. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, The Persuaders. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Mauds. 11.00, Double Top. 11.30, Late News Extra. 11.40, Family Tree.

Thames

10.50 am, A Big Country. 11.20, The 21st Century. 11.45, Galloping Gourmet. 12.10 pm, Elephant Boy. 12.35, Sally and Jake. 12.45, Hickory House. 1.00, First Report. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Keep Britain Slim. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Film: Al Jennings of Oklahoma with Dan Duryea. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, Rainbow. 4.45, Cartoon. 4.50, Cowboy in Africa.

5.50 News. 6.00 Today.

6.35 Crossroads.

7.00 Griff.

8.00 Dawson's Weekly.

8.30 This Week.

9.00 What Would You Do?

10.00 News.

10.30 A Place in Europe: Sweden.

11.00 What the Papers say.

11.15 People and Politics.

12.15 Yellow Pages.

Scottish

12.40 pm, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Film: The Pot Carriers, with Ronald Fraser, Paul Massie. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, Kirl. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, F Troop. 7.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Late Call. 10.35, New Faces.

ATV

12.40 pm, Thames. 2.30, Untamed World: 3.00, Birth of the Bomb. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Barnaby Jones. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Gardening Today. 11.00, Checkmate. 11.30, What the Papers Say. 11.45, Ian Knox.

Southern

11.00, Yoga for Health. 11.20, Small World. 11.50, Indonesia. 12.05 pm, Skippy. 12.30, Hammy Hampster. 12.45, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Anna and the King. 3.00, Jason King. 3.55, About Britain. 4.25, Count of Monte Cristo. 4.30, The Beachcombers. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Survival. 7.00, Barnaby Jones. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Film, Licensed to Kill, with Tom Adams. 12.10 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Guideline.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Simon Bates. 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 2.02, Labour Party Broadcast. 2.07, Ed Stewart.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, John Peel. 7.00, News. 7.02, The 78 Show. 7.30, Sport. 7.32, The Organist entertains. 8.02, Folk '75. 8.32, Folkweave. 10.02, Sport. 10.05, Don Durbridge. 12.31, News.
† Stereo.

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6.00, As Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan. (8.27, Racing Bulletin; 8.45, Pause for Thought). 9.02, Pete Murray. (10.30, Waggoners Walk). 11.30, Jean Challis.† 7.50 pm, Cricket scores. 2.02, Labour Party broadcast. 2.07, Wimbledon. 5.02, Waggoners Walk. 5.17-7.00, VHF. Sam Costa.† 1,500m. Wimbledon. 7.02, As Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Berlioz, Brahms, Dohnanyi.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Handel, C.P.E. Bach, Haydn.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Kodaly.† 9.50, Mozart: Piano Recital. 10.35, Music for Voice and Lute: Part 1, John Danyel, Anthony Holborne, Philip Rosseter, Dowland, Campian. 11.15, Interval Reading. 11.25, Recital Part 2, John Dowland, Henry Purcell, Alan Ridout.† 12.00, Concert part 1, Mozart, Bartok.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Part 2, Stravinsky. 1.40, Scandinavian Music: Holmboe, Grieg. 2.40, The Fiery Angel: Opera in five acts, music by Prokofiev. 3.40, Interval Reading. 3.45, The Fiery Angel, Acts 3, 4 and 5. 4.55, Beethoven: Violin recital.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Study on 3: Getting it Together programme 2: Forming the Band. 7.00, Turning Points programme 6: Bereavement. 7.30, Liverpool Cathedral Choral Concert: Part 1 Philip Cannon. 8.00, Music on the Air. 8.20, Concert: Part 2 Brahms.† 9.35, Samuel Beckett: Texts for Nothing VII-X read by Patrick Magee. 10.25, Nina Milkina: Piano recital Scarlatti, Haydn, Schumann.† 11.25, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming Today. 6.40, Prayer for the Day. 6.45, Today. 6.50, VHF Regional News. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.50, VHF Regional News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.30, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, These You Have Loved. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story, Jacob's Anvil. 11.00, News. 11.05, If You Think You've Got Problems! 11.50, Sir Geoffrey Jackson: In Search of El Dorado, part 6. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, My Music.† 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: The Humboldt Current. 3.50, Jack De Manio. 4.35, Story. A Summer Bird-Cage, part 4. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.50, Financial Report, Regional News. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Dad's Army. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Any Answers?: selection of listeners' letters. 8.00, Maugham the Storyteller: The Lion's Skin. 8.45, Analysis: an examination of the Community Land Bill. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, Book at Bedtime: The Mysterious Commission, part 4. 11.00, Financial World. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.00-12.09 am, Inshore forecast.

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ALDRICK.—On 24th June, 1975, at Greenwich Hospital, to Judith (née Cockell) and Richard—a son (Philip Sidney).

BAYNE-POWELL.—On June 20th, at Guildford, to Rosemary (née Lucking) and Philip William Fitzmaurice Bayne-Powell—a son (Jeremy William Lionel).

BOLTON.—On June 25, in Cambridge, to Vanda and David Bolton—a son (Nicholas John Hargreaves).

BUCKLEY SHARP.—On June 21 at Queen Charlotte's, to Erstl (née Koren) and Michael—a daughter (Vanessa Jane).

CALDERBANK.—On 24th June, at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, to Judith, wife of James—a son.

FRASER.—On June 14, in Cambridge, to Ken and Susie—a daughter (Katharine), sister for Jenny.

FRENCH.—On June 20th, in Johannesburg to Catherine and Michael—a daughter (sister for Timothy).

HAY.—On 24th June at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, Paddington, to Lady Olga Hay, wife of Robin Hay—a daughter (Camilla Charlotte Hamilton).

KINGSBURY.—On 23rd June at St Teresa's Hospital to Marina and Gordon—a daughter (Marina).

LEACOCK.—On 17th June to Rosalind (née Baker) and Tim—a daughter (Suzanna Juliet).

LINDOW.—On 9 June, 1975, at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Peter and Anne Lindow—a daughter (Laura Jane Bruce), a sister for Catherine.

MEDLICOTT.—On 24th June, at Whittington Hospital, Highgate, to Diana (née Lallane) and Michael—a son (Oliver James).

MILLS.—On Midsummer's Day to Maggie and David—a daughter, sister for Eleanor and Luke.

NEWMAN.—On 24th June, to Louise and Trevor—a daughter (Henrietta Louise). The Fenwick Hospital Pikes Hill, Lyndhurst.

PHILIP.—On June 21, to Jaqueta and Michael, at Lambeth Hospital—a girl, sister for Nicholas.

RICKARD.—On 23rd June, 1975, to Pamela (née Salter) and Adrian Rickard—a daughter (Rebecca Jane). All three doing well.

SHARLAND.—On 18th June 1975, in Bangkok, to Susan (née Hillard) and John, a fourth beautiful daughter (Rebecca Sarah), sister to Nicola, Sandy and Philippa.

THORNE.—On 25th June 1975 at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Catherine (née Wood) and Michael Thorne—a son (Daniel Graham).

WARING.—On Sunday, June 22nd, 1975, to Elizabeth (née Harrold) and N. M. Waring—a son.

WEBSTER.—On June 24th, at Tunbridge Wells Maternity Home, to Lyn (née Forrest) and Robin Webster—a son (Christopher John de Villiers), a brother for Elizabeth.

WHITING.—On 22nd June, 1975, to Jenny (née Collinson) and Peter Whiting — a son (Timothy Howard).

WRIGHT.—On 24th June, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, W.6, to Victoria (née Moore) and Nicholas Wright—a daughter (Olivia Jane Beatrice), a sister for Marcus.

BIRTHDAYS

J. R. STREETER (Debussy).—Happy birthday—The Burro.

MARRIAGES

SILVER WEDDING

CRAIG : STRZELEC. — On 26th June, 1950, at St. Columba's, Pont St., S.W.1, by Rev. Professor D. M. Baillie, D.D., Rev. Robert Craig to Olga Wanda Strzelec. Present address: The Principal's Lodge, The University, Salisbury, Rhodesia.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

LANGFORD : ADAIR.—On June 26th, 1915, at Holy Trinity, Sloane St., London, Major E. Gilliat Langford to Winifred Lettice Adair. Present address Crossways, Sway, Lymington, Hampshire.

PLAYFOOT : ROWE.—On June 26th, 1915, Charles Playfoot to Elsie Rowe. Now of Lower Danes, Harrietsham, Kent.

WALLACE : STURGES.—On June 26th, 1915, at All Saints Church, Highfield Oxford, Alexander Ross Wallace to Winifred Sturges. Now at 10 Delph Road, Wimborne, Dorset.

DEATHS

AUERBACH.—On June 23rd, peacefully, Dr Erna Auerbach, Art Historian and painter of 15, Gate Hill Court, London, W.11. Deeply mourned by her sister, Mrs. I. Schmidthoff, brother-in-law, other members of her family and her many friends and students. Funeral, Friday, June 27th at 11 a.m., Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, N.W.10.

BINDLEY.—On 25th June, at Putney Hospital, in her 68th year, Jean Bindley, of 50, Sheffield Terrace, W.8, wife of the late Captain R. J. L. Bindley, and mother of Jack. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium, S.W.14 on Tuesday, 1st July, at 3.20 p.m. Cut flowers may be sent to T. H. Sanders and Sons, 35, Barnes High Street, S.W.13.

BIRD.—On June 22nd in a nursing home, Mrs. Amy Gertrude Bird, R.E.M., sister of Winifred Jane Wilson. At her specific request her cremation will be private and without flowers. Any enquiries please, to her niece Mrs. Jane W. Hutchinson, Little Tew, Nuthurst, Horsham, Sussex.

BLAKE, VIOLET BERYL.—On 23 June on her 89th birthday, peacefully at St Davids Nursing home, Sheringham, widow of Brigadier General W. A. Blake, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Funeral at Sidestrand Church, at 10.30 a.m. on Friday 27 June. Family flowers only.

CURWEN.—On Sunday, June 15, 1975, peacefully at her home 13 Dolphin Heights, Nahoon, East London, South Africa, after a long illness borne with the utmost patience and courage, in her 80th year, Doris Gwendoline Isa (Dollie), daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs. J. R. Hill, of Heacham, Norfolk, wife of Robert, formerly of H.M. Colonial Service, Nigeria. Nee Temere Nec Timide. R.I.P.

de ROSARIO.—On 23rd June, 1975, peacefully, in a nursing home, Desmond John Oswald, of Cloisters, Stanton, nr. Broadway, Worcestershire, much loved husband of Dorothy and father of Anita and Jeanne. Requiem Mass at 10 a.m. followed by burial at Winchcombe, Glos., on Friday, 27th June, 1975. Funeral private. Family flowers only but donations if desired may be sent to St. Faith's Nursing Home, Western Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester. Please, no letters.

ECCLESTONE.—On Tuesday, June 24th, 1975, in hospital, Frederick James Ecclestone, of Burdenshott Avenue, Richmond, and also of ... James Street, S.W.1. Funeral service St. James Church Piccadilly on Tuesday, 1st July, at 11.0 a.m. Cut flowers may be sent to the church.

ELLINGHAM.—On June 25th, in hospital at Bath, the Reverend Cecil John, aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Edna, of Groombridge, Kent. Funeral at St. Margaret's Church, Yatton Keynell, Chippenham, Wiltshire, 11 a.m., Monday, June 30th, followed by cremation at Haycombe Crematorium, Whiteway, Bath. No flowers, please, but donations, if wished, to the British Heart Foundation.

GOOD.—On June 24th, 1975, in London, peacefully, Mrs. Mary Good, widow of Percy Good. Cremation at Golders Green tomorrow (Friday) at 4.15 p.m. Please, no flowers or letters.

HALLOWS.—On Monday, 23rd June, at 1 Ashton Court, 4 Hayne Road, Beckenham, Kent, Sarah Helena Hallows, eldest child of the late William and Margaret Sinclair, wife of Edgar and mother of Ian, in her 80th year. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium, 2.20 p.m., Monday, 30th June. Flowers to 238 High Street, Beckenham, a.m. on Monday, please.

HONCH, JOHN.—On June 17, of 43 Waysbrook, Letchworth, Herts, formerly of 68 Somerset Rd., Bolton, Lancs. Much loved father of Margaret and Shelagh.

JACKSON, MARGERY DORA.—On June 24th at St. George's Hospital. Wife of the beloved and late Rowland Bower Jackson. Cremation private.

JAGGS.—On June 25th, 1975, peacefully, at The Vicarage, Tilford, Surrey, Arthur Jaggs (priest), loving husband of Mary and loved father of Michael and David. Funeral service at Tilford Church on Saturday, June 28th, at 11 a.m. Cut flowers only, or donations to All Saints Church, Tilford, or the Heart Foundation would be appreciated.

LATCHFORD.—On 24th June, Charles Hamilton Latchford, O.B.E., aged 77, of 7 Quay St., Manningtree. Funeral at St. Paul's Church, Bentley (Pilgrims' Hatch), near Brentwood, at 12 noon Tuesday, 1st July.

LAWTON.—On June 22nd, 1975, in a nursing home, Ethel Winifred Lawton, formerly of Doultay Road, Erdington, Birmingham. Service and cremation at Birmingham Crematorium, Perry Barr, on Tuesday, July 1st, at 10 a.m. Cortege from 61 Foden Road, Great Barr, Birmingham.

MacDERMOT, FRANCIS CHARLES (Frank).—On June 24th, 1975, at the Clock House, Rutland Gate, London, S.W.7, aged 82. Cremation private. No flowers. Memorial service in Dublin at a date to be announced later.

MIER.—On June 22nd, 1975, whilst on holiday in Kulmbach, West Germany, Dr. Carl Alexander Mier, of Delrow College, Aldenham, Watford. Memorial Service to be announced.

MOLLOY.—On 24th June, 1975, in the peace of Christ, Anne (Nanon) Molloy. Requiem at the Brompton Oratory, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 30th June, to which all her friends are invited followed by private funeral (family only) at Leatherhead. Please, no flowers but if desired donations to Mother Teresa of Calcutta, c/o Barclays Bank, Eastbourne Road, Middlesbrough.

MOORE.—On 22nd June, 1975, at his home, Dr. James Moore, M.D., B.Sc., Legion of Honour, aged 87 years, beloved husband of the late Gwendolen Moore and dear father of Anthony and John, of Witchford House, Witchford, Cambs. Service at Witchford Parish Church on Friday, 27th June, at 2.30 p.m., followed by interment in the churchyard.

OCHTERLONY.—On 24th June, 1975, at a nursing home in Edinburgh, Lady Mary Alfreda Ochterlony, widow of Sir Matthew M. Ochterlony, of Ochterlony, Baronet. Service at St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Colinton on Friday, 27th June, at 11.0 a.m. and thereafter at Pentland Chapel Morton Hall Crematorium at 11.45 a.m. No flowers, at her request.

OSBORN.—On 22nd June, 1975, in her sleep, Marjorie Clementina Berkeley, aged 87, of Lower Cavendish, Camberley, widow of Captain Ashby Osborn, killed in action, 1917. Deeply loved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Service and cremation St. John's Crematorium, Hermitage Road, Woking, St John, Monday, 30th June, at 2.30 p.m.

PHILLIPS.—On June 24, 1975, at Kettering General Hospital, Dr Brian Selsey, very dearly loved husband of Margaret. Funeral at Higham Church, Nr. Colchester, on Wednesday, 2nd July, at 2 p.m. Memorial service at Little Addington, at 2 p.m. on Monday, 14th July. Flowers may be sent to F. J. Cole, Funeral Directors, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester.

PROUDIAN.—On June 18th, in Cairo, Sweety. She will be greatly missed by all her colleagues and friends.

SCROGGS.—On 24th June, 1975, passed away peacefully at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, Kathleen Betty, beloved mother of Juliet. Service at the Guildford Crematorium, on Monday, 30th June, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Pimms Funerals, Guildford.

SHUTES, ALEX (Bunny).—On 23 June, after a short illness. Loving wife of Leslie (Nip), devoted mother of Betty, Pat, and David. Cremation, 27th June. Private. No flowers.

SIMONI.—On 22nd June, suddenly, in Italy, Nello, beloved husband of Luce, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Voltana, Italy. Buried at Voltana with full Requiem Mass on 24th June.

SOMERVILLE. — On June 25th, 1975, peacefully at Crowborough, in his 82nd year, James (Peter) Miller Somerville, dearly loved husband of Joan. Funeral private on Monday, June 30th. No flowers, please.

TROTTER.—On June 23, peacefully, at her home, Madeline Dorothy, wife of the late Henry Alexander Trotter. Funeral service St. Michael's, Chester Square, 3 p.m., Tuesday, July 1. Family flowers only.

WALTER.—On June 24th, peacefully, in hospital, Mary Cecily, 9 Eden Drive, Bexhill. Service at St. Stephen's, Bexhill, July 1st, 2.15 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BETTS.—A memorial service for Ernest Betts will be held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street on Monday 14th July, at 1 p.m.

CLARKE.—A memorial service for Sir Richard Clarke, K.C.B., will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Friday, 11th July, at 12 noon.

COZENS-HARDY.—The memorial service for Gladys, widow of Edward third Baron Cozens-Hardy, will be at St. Andrew's Church, Letheringsett, Norfolk, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16th, 1975.

LYELL.—A memorial service for Sir Maurice Lyell will be held in the Temple Church on Thursday, 3rd July at 4.45 p.m.

WATSON.—A memorial service for Rex Paxton Watson will be held at St. Nicholas Church, Worth, Sussex, on Tuesday, July 1st, at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to George Rice, Undertakers, Copthorne, Sussex.

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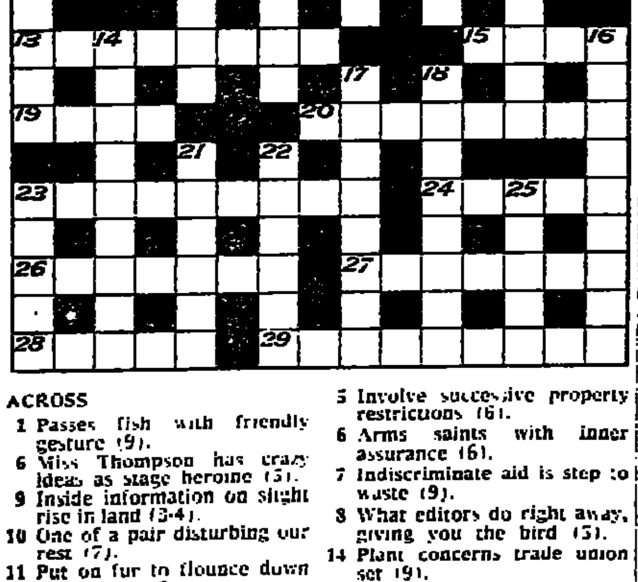


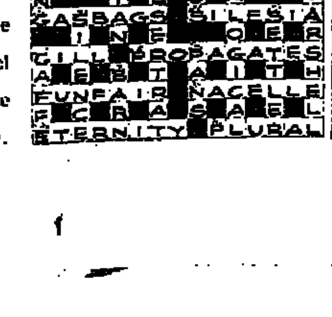
ACROSS

1 Passes fish with friendly gesture (9).
6 Miss Thompson has crazy ideas as stage heroine (5).
9 Inside information on slight rise in land (3-4).
10 One of a pair disturbing our rest (7).
11 Put on fur to flounce down from deck (5).
12 Spray that may toss and float downstream (9).
13 Bird found on a bit of country fencing (8).
15 British garment—for such a reception ? (4).
19 Has London got the measure of Scotland ? (4).
20 TT drivers ? (8).
23 Day porter regrettably given to robbery (9).
24 The order Theo left to be king (5).
26 Unimportant round four in legal process (7).
27 Music-maker has come-back as an Irish republican colonel (7).
28 Old thing at the wicket—it's somewhat sticky (5).
29 In turn the odd weed appears as a flower (9).

DOWN

1 Like the song of the little mountain goat ? (9).
2 Pillar of strength for novel the French back (5).
3 "Nor snake, or — bite thee" (Herrick) (4-4).
4 A mystic without faith (8).
5 Involve successive property restrictions (6).
6 Arms saints with inner assurance (6).
7 Indiscriminate aid is step to waste (9).
8 What editors do right away, giving you the bird (5).
14 Plant concerns trade union set (9).
16 Showroom whose bills listed a variety of items (5, 4).
17 Girl got up for a Barrie play (4, 4).
18 Stop, with a grip far from flabby (4, 4).
21 He's no flier on the left wing (6).
22 Building material the French use for boats (6).
23 Father of literature ? (5).
25 Whence gold for a noted ring (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,029



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PHILLIPS, PERCY FREDERICK BLACKMORE PHILLIPS otherwise PERCY FRED BLACKMORE PHILLIPS, late of 26 Muirkirk Road, Catford, London, S.E.6, died there on 23rd December, 1974 (estate about £6,000). The widow and kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), 35 Old Queen Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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